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M E M O I R S
OF THE
LIFE AND WRITINGS
OF THE LATE
REV. THOMAS BAKER, B.D.
OF ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE IN CAMBRIDGE,
FROM THE PAPERS OF
DR. ZACHARY GREY,
WITH A
CATALOGUE OF HIS MS. COLLECTIONS.
BY
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L O R D B I S H O P O F E L Y,

NOT SO MUCH DISTINGUISHED

BY THE

HONOURS CONFERRED UPON HIMSELF

AND HIS ILLUSTRIOUS FAMILY,

AS BY HIS

SINGULAR ATTACHMENT TO THE

BUSINESS OF HIS DIOCESE,

AND UNUSUAL RESIDENCE THEREIN;

WHICH, WITH HIS

AFFABLE AND CONDESCENDING BEHAVIOUR TO ALL,

HAVE JUSTLY ENDEARED HIM

TO THE PUBLICK,

TO HIS CLERGY,

AND IN PARTICULAR TO HIM,

WHO WITH ALL HUMILITY BEGS LEAVE

TO INSCRIBE THE FOLLOWING MEMOIRS,

AND TO ACKNOWLEDGE HIMSELF

HIS LORDSHIP'S

MOST OBEDIENT AND OBLIGED SERVANT,

R O B E R T M A S T E R S.

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P R E F A C E.

THE Collector of the following Papers Dr. Zachary Grey^a, (well known to the learned World by his numerous Writings) and who was intimately acquainted with the Subject of them, was apt to wonder that none of his Friends of St. John's College, who had both Leisure and Abilities, (when probably upon a timely Application to his Executor, many proper Materials for that Purpose might have been obtained) should never have attempted the Life and Character of that worthy Man; who lived much beloved, and died as much lamented, by all who had the Pleasure of his Acquaintance.

An Attempt that he owned required a much better Pen than he was Master of, but as it had hitherto been neglected by others, he would endeavour to supply by faithfulness in the Narration, what might in other respects be found defective; avoiding at the same time every Degree of Adulation and Flattery.

And for this Purpose he spared no Pains in collecting Materials, applying to all such as he thought able to furnish him with any. With this View he employed Friends to speak to Dr. Bedford of Durham, who was
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^a He died at Ampthill, on 25 Nov. 1766, in the 79th Year of his Age, and was buried at his Parish of Houghton Conquest.

so obliging as to give him all the Assistance he was able; as appears from a Letter of 27th July, 1755, (which will hereafter be quoted more at large, as giving a particular Account of his Death.) His Advice here however, in Relation to the Doctor's Undertaking, is to the following Purport. "I should apprehend (but I offer it with submission) that as Mr. Baker was never in any publick Station of Life, it would be difficult to get Materials sufficient to furnish out a Volume. Frequent Instances of his great Skill and critical Knowledge, in all Parts of Literature, made a very large Part; and these now I doubt may be very much dispersed. However, I think, there might be pickt up, some Things in this Manner. His Custom was in every Book he had read, to make Observations, set down an Account of the Author, &c. Now a great number of his Books are in our College Library. Those which Mr. Burton had, were sold here: I myself have his Copy of the Hereditary Right, which he has greatly enriched. Now would it be impossible think you, to pick some very material Things from all these, that might be published under this Title, or any other you like better? viz. Remarks and Observations on different Authors, and on various Points of Learning, by the late Rev. Mr. Baker, together with some Account of his Life, &c. as Dr. Grey was likewise of Opinion that if a Collection of this Kind, was judiciously extracted, it would be of great Use to the Publick, and as a Specimen, has favoured us with one out of the Books in his own Custody, of much less Importance, however, than those upon the Books given to the University Library. And in farther Pursuit of this Design, he applied soon after to that learned Antiquary, and very worthy Member of the honourable House of Commons, James West, Esq. who favoured him with the following Answer.

Rev.

Rev. Sir,

On my return to Town, I was favoured with your Letter, and shall be glad to be of any Service to you in any learned Work you are engaged in.

The Life of my very worthy Friend Mr. Baker, who was so perfectly friendly and communicative, that it may afford Matter to interweave in it, the Literary History of our Country, during that Period. His constant Correspondence with ABp. Wake, the Bishops Gibson, Kennet, Burnet, Mr. Hearne and others, are full of learned Notices. The Collections left to Lord Oxford, now the Property of the British Museum, will be very necessary to be perused, but at present they are removing under Seals from Ld. Oxford's late House in Dover Street, to Montague House, and are to remain in that Condition, till the House is repaired, and Keepers of the Books and Curiosities appointed.

I shall be glad to be the first, to acquaint you when they will be opened, and then I take it for granted you will have right to consult them.

I am, Rev. Sir,

Lincoln's Inn Fields, Your most obedient humble Servant,
May 27, 1755.

J. West.

In a Letter from Dr. Willis, (dated from Whaddon Hall, May 19, 1759,) who had been applied to on the same Subject, he informs him that he had "indeed a great many of Mr. Baker's Letters, but that they were interspersed and bound up for the most Part in a great many Collections. And as he generally omitted the Dates, they laid in no order, so that he could not turn to them in any Method; as they are, however, if you will please to come and peruse them here, I will gladly send my Chariot for you, &c." — As he died however, soon after, these with the rest of his MSS. were I imagine sent to the University of Oxford, to which he bequeathed them.

He acknowledges his Obligations likewise to Dr. Phillip Williams, for some Copies of Mr. Baker's Letters from the Originals in the Hands of Mr. Burton, his Nephew. To the Rev. Wm. Cole, then Rector of Blechley, in Buckinghamshire, for some Transcripts from the Works of Mr. Thomas Hearne and others, in Acknowledgement of Mr. Baker's Assistance. And to the Editor for some original Letters to Dr. Watson, Bishop of St. David's. And lastly, to the Rev. Mr. Skinner, lately Fellow of St. John's College, and Publick Orator, for other original Letters of Mr. Baker, to the late honest and industrious Historian, Mr. John Strype.

The Materials thus collected, blended with others in Relation to many other eminent Nonjurors, were obligingly put into the Hands of the Editor, by Dr. Grey's Widow, some Years since, with Power to dispose of them as he thought proper; indeed they would earlier have been reduced into some form, and communicated to the Publick, had not an Obstacle to his first Design, which it is not now perhaps necessary to relate, occasioned this Delay. Such as they are however (with the Additions he has since been able to make) the best perhaps that can now be procured, of a Person, who led so retired a Life; they are submitted to the Reader, whose Benevolence is intreated to make Allowance for involuntary Errors (and he may be assured there are no others) as well as to point out any such in a friendly Manner, for their future Correction.

The Reader may perhaps be at a loss to account for the Particulars given of Mr. Baker, by Mr. Nichols, in his Anecdotes of Mr. Bowyer, corresponding so exactly with the following in Phrase, Order, &c. as far as they extend; he must then be apprized, that some Time since, soon after they were reduced into the present Order, the Editor put them into the Hands of Richard Gough, Esq. to consult with him in a friendly Way

Way about the Mode of Publication, who retaining them for some Time, made such Extracts from them as he thought proper; this he acknowledged in a Letter upon their Return, and from these, both taken and communicated without leave, it is scarce to be doubted, the Article Baker, in the new Edition of the *Biographia Britannica*, was chiefly compiled, as well as that in the *Anecdotes of Bowyer*.

Mr. Nichols might indeed as he asserts, buy Papers of Dr. Grey's of a Bookseller at Northampton, and perhaps some original Letters concerning Mr. B—— but nothing reduced into any kind of Form, and that too in the very identical Phrase, as both the foul and fair Copy are still in Hand, and vary in many respects from that he printed. But to set this Matter in a still clearer Light, Mr. N—— himself in a late Conference, candidly acknowledged he had many Particulars in this and other Articles, from Mr. Gough, so that he alone seems to be accountable, for the breach of Confidence reposed in him by Mr. M——

Mr. M—— however, since the Publication of Mr. G——s 2d Edition of his *British Topography* (stuffed with a vast Farrago of Things, many of them not only trifling, of little Importance, and bearing no Relation to the Subject, but what is worse, of a very scurrilous and offensive Nature) cannot help being surprized at the Treatment he has met with from one, who in that Work, has so severely censured others for purloining, viz. Bp. Moore, Sir Tho. Bodley, Mr. Umfreville, Drs. Rawlinson, Willis, &c. which Reflections, if founded upon Facts; as that on Sir Tho. Bodley, seems far from being^b, are at least very uncharitable, if not malevolent, and such as it could answer no good Purpose to record, of
such

^b See Sir Hen. Saville's Letter at length, with a Confutation of this Scandal, in *Gent. Mag.* 1772, p. 371, yet Mr. G—— has notwithstanding, suffered it to be continued in the new Edition.

such respectable Persons. Whilst however he has been thus severe upon these, and many others of unblemished Characters, he has forgot to pass any Censure upon his learned Friend (although intimately known to him) who carried off the Royal Finger, and has been silent in respect to many of his greatest Heroes, well known to have been guilty of the like Practices; but such is the Power of Prejudice and Passion in warping Mens Judgments.

Before I quit this Head of Parloining, it will be likewise proper to take Notice of the Person hinted at in the *Biographia Britannica*, as having another Life of Mr. Baker^c; now this was the late Mr. Cole of Milton, who in Imitation of his Friend G——h, having had the Perusal of Dr. Grey's Collection, on this Subject, transcribed great Part of them into his MSS. where they will be found with many of Browne Willis (after they were bequeathed to the University of Oxford) and of several others, obtained in the same clandestine Way, if according to his whimsical Will, they should ever be laid before the Publick. But this, if we may judge from his Notes upon Publications, presented to him by his best Friends, they are utterly unfit for, since Characters formed from such strong Passions and Prejudices, as he was perpetually actuated by, can never be drawn with any Degree of exactness. And the Misfortune is, that these, with all the little Tales of Scandal, of the University, Town and County, for half a Century past, are so blended with his other Collections (however valuable in themselves,) they can scarce be separated: so that probably from this Circumstance alone, the Labours of his whole Life, will be suffered to sink into Oblivion, and nothing left to support his Memory, but that foolish Monument of his Vanity, ordered by Will to be

^c This I am told was to have been printed at Strawberry Hill, had not some difference arose concerning the Character of Bp. Burnet, and was afterwards designed for Mr. Nichols's Press.

be erected over his Remains. And the Attempt to keep these Characters from the Publick, till the Subjects of them shall be no more^d, seems to be peculiarly cruel and ungenerous, since it is precluding them from vindicating themselves from such injurious Aspersions, as their Friends perhaps (however willing) may at that distance of Time, be incapable of removing. The above Censure, may perhaps be thought somewhat severe, but the Editor, well acquainted with the fickleness of his Disposition, for more than forty Years past, avers it to be well grounded, and thinks it incumbent upon him thus to publish it to the World, to prevent any Mischiefs that may arise hereafter from his unwarrantable Prejudices.

Perhaps his Zeal for the Memory of Mr. Baker, might tempt him to make these Depredations upon Dr. Grey, but he has shewn a much more reputable and laudable Attention to it, by the following Clause in his Will.

“ I give, as a Mark of my Veneration to so amiable a Character; ten Pounds to buy a black Marble Slab, to cover the Grave of the late Mr. Tho. Baker, B.D. in St. John’s College Ante-chapel, close to the Monument of Mr. Hugh Ashton, where I saw him interred, if the Society will allow of it; and his Arms [Argent on a Saltire engrailed, five Escallops Argent, on a chief Sable a Lion passant Argent] engraved at the Top, and the Inscription to be composed by the worthy Master, or any other he shall appoint, and no Mention made of me in it.

By this the Neglect hinted at in p. 93, is properly provided for, and there is no doubt such a Stone, with a proper Inscription, will soon be laid over his Remains.

In Addition to p. 119. — One Thing more particularly

^d For the Space of twenty Years.

^e Dat. 12 Dec. 1782.

larly was desired, that nothing might be printed, that might give Offence to the Church or Religion, for indeed they are wrote with too much Freedom. One Particular concerning Bp. Gardiner, I desired might be suppressed, as rather too ludicrous for History, and too plainly pointing out the Person who sent it, which yet stands as I sent it.

Mr. Baker had made great Additions to Mr. Willis's History of Abbies^f, which at his Death he bequeathed to him in the following Words. "These two Volumes of Abbeyes I leave to my learned Friend Browne Willis, Esq."

Tho. Baker."

A strong Instance of Mr. B—'s unbiaffed Integrity, is to be met with in the following Answer to his great Friend Mr. Williams, Rector of Doddington in the Isle of Ely, who had applied to him for one of the Exhibitions mentioned in p. 102, for his Son.

Worthy Sir,

I can assure you I am not alone in the Disposal of these Exhibitions, nor is it any Qualification by the Settlement, to be the Son of a Clergyman. In the Disposal of them, I have commonly had regard to those that want them most, and I thank God, that is not your Son's Case. But I will do him that Right to say, he wants no other Qualifications^g.

I am sorry to hear, your Lady is indisposed, to whom I wish as much Health, as her Vertues deserve, &c.

Yours,

Camb. Jun. 6th.

Tho. Baker.

The

^f The Editor has the 2d Vol. and should be glad to know where the 1st is to be met with.

^g Dr. Williams mentioned in p. 113.

The following MS. Copies of Verses, probably wrote by Mr. B— were taken from his own Book, of the Funeral Sermon of Lady Margaret, noted with his own Hand in various Places, and now in the Possession of Dr. Beadon, the present worthy Master of Jesus College, who has been so obliging as to favour me with the Perusal of it.

TO MY FOUNDER UPON HIS PICTURE^h.

Accept this Off'ring, from the unenvy'd Store,
Of him that wants the Pow'r, but wishes more.
Had I improv'd the Hours that thou dost give,
Vain were faint Colours, thou in Verse should'st live.
Had thy large Bounty been deserv'dly mine,
Thy Name should flourish bright in ev'ry Line.
Oh! how thy Seed lies waste in barren Soil,
That wants true Vigor, tho' it wants not Oyle.
Ah! how unequal are my best Returns,
And yet my Heart with zeal and flaming burns.

For if my Heart is known, a gratefull Minde
I bear, with strong Desires and unconfin'd.
To *the* I dare appeal, if thou dost know,
Or now concern thyself with Things below.
Oft had I sent my fervent Vows to Heav'n,
Were this the Time, or ought were now forgiv'n.
Oft had I pray'd for *the*, as thou desires,
Could I believe *the* hurt by purging Fires.
Thy past Desires they were, nor are they so,
'Twas thy mistaken wish, whilst here below.
Thy Joys compleated, useles Pray'rs may cease,
And end in Praise to him that gives *the* Peace.

And yet thy Bounty may I either sing,
Or may the Fountain stop, whence it should spring.

UPON

^h Mr. B— had a good Picture of Dr. Hugh Asheton, his Founder, which is probably now in the College.

UPON THE BISHOP OF ROCHESTER'S
PICTURE, WHEN SENT TO THE COLLEGE
BY LD. WEYMOUTH.

Welcome from Exile, happy Soule, to me,
And to these Walls, that owe their Rise to *the*.
Too long thou'rt banisht hence, with Shame disgrac't,
Thy Arms thrown down, thy Monument defac't.
Thy Bounties great like *the*, involv'd in Night,
Till some bold Hand shall bravely give them Light.
Too long oppress't by Force and Power unjust,
Thy Blood a Sacrifice to serve a Lust.
In vain proud Herod bids thee be forgot,
Thy Name shall brightly shine, whilst his shall rot.

UPON TWO DESERVING M A S T E R S,
DRS. SHORTONⁱ AND METCALF^k.

And may those Worthies that did share his Fate,
Partake his Honors long, as they are late.
Hard was his Fate, unequal was his Lot,
That built our Walls, and finisht was forgot.
But more unequal his, and less deserv'd,
That banisht was the Walls that he preserv'd.
That free from Guilt did share his Patron's Crimes,
And neither were their own, but were the Times.

O Father! O our Glory! Ah our Shame!
That giv'st us Plenty, whilst we wound thy Name,
And pay our Thanks in undeserv'd blame.

O may due Monuments be rais'd to *the*,
Just to thy worth, not such as come from me.
May thy succeeding Sons bear gratefull Sense,
And expiate for those, that drove *the* hence.
Ne'er may the Curse of that ungratefull Race,
Fall on those guiltless Heads, that hold their Place.

The

ⁱ The first Master and Builder of the College.

^k The third Master, deprived in 1537.

The following Letter from Lady Margaret, from an Original in her own Hand, printed in L. Howard's Collection of Letters in 1753, Vol. I. p. 155, is a proper Supplement to those of her Son Hen. VII, at the end of Bp. Fisher's Sermon.

My dereft and only defyred Joy yn thys World,

With my moſte herty Bleſſyngs, and humble Commendations. — y pray oure Lord to reward and thancke your Grace, for thatt yt pleaſed your Hyghnes ſoo kyndly and lovyngly to be content to wryte your Letters of Thancks to the Frenſhe Kyng, for my great mater, that ſoo longe hath been yn Sute, as Maſtyr Welby hath ſhewed me your bounteous Goodnefs is pleaſed¹. I wiſh my der Hert, and my Fortune be to recover yt, y truſt ye ſhall well perſeyve y ſhall delle towards you as a kynd lovyng Modyr; and if y ſhuld nevyr have yt, yet your kynd delyng ys to me a thouſand tymes more than all that Good y can recover, and all the Frenſhe Kyng's mygt be mine wyth all. My der Hert, and yt may pleaſe your Hyghnes to lycenſe Maſtyr Whytſongs for thys time to preſent your honorabyll Lettyrs, and begyn the Proceſs of my Cauſe; for that he ſo well knoweth the Mater, and alſo brought me the Wrytyngs from the ſeyd Frenſhe Kyng, with hys odyr Lettyrs to hys Parlyement at Paryſe; yt ſhold be gretlye to my helpe, as y thynke, but all wyll y remyte to your pleaſyr; and yf y be too bold in this, or eny my Deſires, y humbly beſeche your Grace of pardon, and that your Highnes take no diſpleſyr.

My good Kynge, y have now ſent a Servant of myn ynto Kendall, to reſſeyve ſyche Anueietys as be yet hangynge opon the Accounte of Sir Wyllam Wall, my Lord's Chapeleyn, whom y have clerly dyſcharged;
and

¹ Concerning the Payment of a certain Sum of Money ſhe lent to the Duke of Orleans, when Priſoner in England. See Aët. Reg. V. III, p. 129.

and if yt will plesse your Majesty's oune Herte, at your leyser to sende me a Lettyr, and command me, that y suffyr none of my Tenants be retayned with no man, but that they be kepte for my Lord of Yorke, your faire swete Son, for whom they be most mete; it shall be a good excuse for me to my Lord and Hosbond; and then y may well and wythoute dysplesyr cause them all to be sworne, the wyche shall not after be long undone. And wher your Grace shewed your plesyr for^m — the Bastard of Kyng Edward, Syr, there is neither that, or any other thyng I may do to your Commandment, but y shall be glad to fullfill my lyttyll power, with God's Grace. And my swete Kyng, Feldyng this berer hath prayed me to beseeche you to be his good Lord yn a matter he seweth for to the Bishop of Ely, now as we here electeⁿ, for a lyttyll Offiysse nyghe to Lond. Verily my Kynge, he ys a geud and wyse well rewled Gentyman, and full truely hathe served you well accompanied, as well at your fyrst, as all odyr occasions; and that cawseth us to be more bold and gladder also to speke for hyme; how be yt my Lord Marquis hath ben very low to hym yn Tymes past, by cause he wuld not be reteyned with him; and trewly my good Kynge, he helpythe me ryght well yn seche Matters as y have besynes wythyn thys partyes. And my der hert, y now beseeche you pardon of my long & tedyous Wryting, and pray almighty God gyve you as long, good and prosperous Lyfe as ever had Prynce, and as herty Blessyngs as y can axe of God.

At Calais Town, thys day of Saint Anne, that y did bryng yn to thys World my good and gracyous Prynce, Kynge and only beloved Son. By

Your humble Servant, Bede-woman & Modyer,
To the Kyngs Grace. Margaret R——

▪ Arthur, by Lady Elizabeth Lucy.

ⁿ Probably Richard Redman, Ep. in 1501, which points out the Date of the Letter.

M E M O I R S
OF THE
L I F E A N D W R I T I N G S
OF THE
Rev. THOMAS BAKER, B.D.

THOMAS BAKER, the Subject of these
Memoirs, was descended of a good Family,
well esteemed and distinguished for its Affection
and Loyalty to the Crown. His Grandfather Sir
George Baker, Knt. greatly injured his Family,
by borrowing large Sums of Money upon his own
Credit, in the Time of the Rebellion, which he
either sent to the King, or laid out for his Service.
Being Recorder of Newcastle, he with great Bra-
very defended that Place against the Scots in the
Year 1639; a full Account of which is given by
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the Author referred to below^a. And this worthy Gentleman was again engaged in its Defence, with Sir John Morley, the Mayor of that Corporation, and Sir Nicholas Cole, Bart. at the Time it was besieged by the same People, upon their Return into England, under the Command of General Lesly in 1643^b, when the Marquis of Newcastle was there in Person to defend it. It was then, I think, says Mr. Baker, my Grandfather was knighted by Commission from the King; an Honour he was bound to maintain, though almost to the Ruin of himself and Family^c.

His Father was George Baker, Esq; of Crook, in the Parish of Lanchester, (a Place remarkable for its Antiquities^d) in the Bishoprick of Durham, who married Margaret a Daughter of Thomas Forster, of Edderston in the County of Northumberland^e; of whom Thomas was born at Crook on 14 September, 1656.

When

^a Lloyd's Memoirs, p. 684.

^b Rushworth's Hist. Collect. Part III. p. 646, 7. Heath's Chronicle, p. 68.

^c MS. Collect. Vol. XXXV. p. 54. — The Gates were shut against him in his way from Northumberland to St. Albans, and he was obliged to retreat, but at length a Pass was obtained for him, his Servants, Arms and Necessaries from General Fairfax, dated at Aylesbury, 23 July, 1647.

^d Gibson's Camden's Brit. Vol. II. Col. 950. Philos. Transact. No. 266. & 354. English Topog. p. 46.

^e Probably descended from Sir John Forster, Knt. who had considerable Possessions in that County, and was long Warden of the Middle March, where he had been very serviceable. Mem. of Cary B. of Monmouth. p. 106

When arrived at a proper Age, he was sent to the Free-School at Durham, to be educated under the Care of Mr. Batterby (as I have been informed) who was many Years Master of that School; from whence, after laying a proper Foundation in Clasfical Learning, he removed, with his elder Brother George, to the University of Cambridge, where they were both admitted of St. John's College, the one Pensioner, the other Fellow Commoner, at the same Time, under the Tuition of Mr. Sanderfon^f, June 13, 1674, and were matriculated on the 9th of July, in that same Year, Thomas being then nearly 18 Years of Age.

He took his first Degree in Arts in 1677, was chosen Fellow of the House upon Dr. Ashton's Foundation (on which he had been Scholar likewise) in 1679, and proceeded Master of Arts in 1681. He was ordained Deacon by Bp. Compton of London, on 20 Dec. 1685, and Priest, by Bp. Barlow of Lincoln, very soon after at Bugden. He was appointed one of the University Preachers in 1689, being then B. D.

Not a long Time after this, an Offer was made him by Dr. Thomas Watson^g, a considerable Tutor

^f Matricule Institutio A. D. 1544. See MSS. Baker, Vol. IX. No. 15.

^g See an Account of him in Salmon's Lives of the English Bishops from the Restoration to the Revolution, p. 244. His Brother William,

tor in his own College, (afterwards a more considerable Benefactor) and lately nominated to the Bishoprick of St. David^b, of going with him as his Chaplain, in the following most friendly Terms; as appears by a Letter without Date.

“ I intimated my Desire, that you’d be pleased
 “ to accept the Offer I made, of your being my
 “ Companion and Confident, rather than Chap-
 “ lain, in my unexpected Remove. I hear there
 “ are very good Things belonging to the Bishop,
 “ and the Country is very much commended.
 “ The only Fault I find, is its Distance from the
 “ North; but you and I shall not lose our Inclination to our own Countries. The Notice I
 “ have taken of you in St. John’s, hath determined me to you in this Particular so much,
 “ that your Condescension will be a particular
 “ Engagement to, Sir,

“ Your humble Servant,

“ Thomas Watfon.”

This however he was pleased to decline, probably upon a Prospect of being taken into the Bishop

ham, a Native of Hull, likewise was buried in the Chancel of Cherry Hinton, Cambridgehire, which he had adorned, at the Age of 84. in 1721, having farther endowed the Hospital founded by his Brother Thomas at the Place of his Nativity.

^b Lord Dover being his Patron with the King. See B. Willis’s Survey of St. David’s, p. 138.

shop of Durham's Family in that Capacity, as he actually was soon after. Lord Crew, then Bishop thereⁱ, collated him to the Rectory of Long Newton in that County and Dioceſe, in June 1687. And it was ſuppoſed, by many of his Lordſhip's Family, he intended to have added to it the Rectory of Sedgfield, (valued at fix Hundred Pounds per Ann. at the leaſt) with the Prebend, called the Golden Prebend, the beſt in the Church of Durham. But how this might have been, muſt remain uncertain, ſince he had the Miſfortune to incur the Biſhop's Diſpleaſure, which obliged him to leave the Family, and to cut off all his Proſpect of farther Advancement there.

The Occaſion of it is thus repreſented in his own Words^k. “ When King James's Declara-
“ tion^l (for Liberty of Conſcience) was appoint-
“ ed to be read, the moſt condeſcending Thing
“ the Biſhop ever did me, was his coming to my
“ Chamber (remote from his own) to prevail
“ with me to read it in his Chapel at Aukland;
“ which I could not do, having wrote to my
“ Curate not to read it at my Living of Long
“ New-

ⁱ He was the Son of John Lord Crew, Baron of Stene, born in 1633, conſecrated Biſhop of Oxford in 1671, and tranſlated to Durham in 1674.

^k Tranſcribed from the Original by Dr. Philip Williams, late Preſident of St. John's College.

^l This may be ſeen at large in Bp. Kennet's Hiſt. of England, Vol. III. p. 463, &c.

“ Newton: he prevailed (however) with the Curate of Auckland to read it in his own Church, when the Bishop was present to countenance the Performance. When all was over, the Bishop (as a Penance, I presume) ordered me to go to the Dean^m, (as Archdeacon) to require him to make a Return to Court of all such as had not read it, which I did, though I was one of the Number.”

This Bishop, who thus disgraced him for his Refusal, acted very differently in this Respect from the generality of his Brethren, and at the Revolution very inconsistently with his former Behaviourⁿ. For, after causing this Declaration to be read, which eighteen of his Order, and the Chief of the Clergy refused^o, he joined in the Vote that King James had abdicated, yet after being excepted out of the Act of Pardon of King William and Queen Mary, for his Conduct upon their coming to the Crown, he condescended to take the Oaths to them, and kept his Bishoprick to

^m Dennis Greenville, D. D. collated to the Archdeaconry, Sept. 17th 2, and installed Dean, Dec. 14, 1684, but deprived of both on Feb. 1. 1690. He was brother to the Earl of Bath.

ⁿ See Salmon's Lives of the Bishops, p. 396. and Willis's Survey of Clack. Vol. I. p. 251.

^o Not above 200 of the whole Body of the Clergy read this Declaration, some of whom afterwards recanted, and seven of the Bishops refused to Petition the King against it, the Consequence of which was the Crown. Noel's Hist. of the Puritans, Vol. IV. p. 589. Eucharist's Hist. of England, Vol. III. p. 859. Appendix to Baker's Chron. p. 144, 5.

to the Day of his Death, on 18 Sept. 1722, at the Age of eighty-eight.

Amongst those who quitted their Preferments in the Diocese of Durham, for refusing the Oaths enjoined at the Revolution, Mr. Baker was one. To use his own Words, "I was," says he, "in the Bishop of Durham's Family in 1688 (a very critical trying Year) and the next out of all. My Patron the Bishop held his Ground; I, who was a Malignant in 1688, was turned out the Year following;" when he gave up his Living of Long Newton on 1 Aug. 1690, with great cheerfulness, as it appears from a Letter, communicated by a Friend of Mr. Baker, in the following Terms.

Sir,

I must desire you once more to return my humble Thanks to my Lord, as for all his Favours, so particularly, that my Living has been reserved to me so long; and that my Lord may not suffer by it, I have nothing further to desire, only this, that my Lord would now dispose of it.

I am very sensible of his Lordship's Favour, and with how much Goodness I have been treated in this whole Affair; and therefore I do now part with it with as much Thankfulness as I did receive it.

I am not desirous to know my Successor; whoever my Lord thinks fit to succeed me, shall be acceptable to me, and I shall not only be in Cha-

rity with him, but shall have a Friendship for him; and if any thing farther be required of me, to make the Living more easy to him, I shall be ready to do it, upon the least intimation of his Lordship's Pleasure.

I do not know whether I have said enough, if I have not, I must desire you to say it for me.

I am to thank you for your Letter, and for all your Expressions of Kindness and Favour, though they were unnecessary to me: for though you said nothing, yet I could never so much as doubt of it, as being so much already,

Sir,

Your most obliged humble Servant,

Tho. Baker.

Humble Duty to my Lord.

He thereupon retired back to his Fellowship of St. John's College, in the peaceable Enjoyment of which he was protected by some great Person, as I think it evidently appears, by the following Paragraph in his Preface, to the Funeral Sermon of Margaret Countess of Richmond and Derby, &c.^p After having expatiated upon the Orthodoxy of the Members of that House from the Restoration to that Time, he goes on: ' In one Word, when ' the Nation was again alarmed with the Fears of ' Popery, no College express a greater Abhorrence ' of

‘ of that Religion, or more Readiness to suffer,
 ‘ had there been Occasion. Of that Number I
 ‘ was one; and had I not been under a noble
 ‘ Patron, whose Humanity and Goodness were
 ‘ equal to his Birth, I must have been an imme-
 ‘ diate Sufferer; and this Declaration I make,
 ‘ that if it be not true, it may be contradicted;
 ‘ especially by such, as having then been tame
 ‘ and silent enough, when the Danger threaten-
 ‘ ed, are since very loud, and wonderfully brave,
 ‘ when they have nothing to fear.’

Not long after his return to College, I find by some Letters communicated to me by a worthy Friend, that he retained a grateful Sense of the friendly Offer made him by Bishop Watson in the Year 1687, and corresponded with him some time before his Deprivation, which happened in 1699, a few Months after the Sentence had been confirmed by the Delegates, to whom he had appealed⁹. Many of these Letters relate to the Bishop’s private Affairs at Burrough Green in Cambridge-shire, which Rectory he held in Commendam with his Bishoprick, and so consequently are of no concern to the Publick; but the few here inserted, plainly shew his Concern for his Friend when under Tribulation, and though without date, were

⁹ See an Account of this Transaction in Burnet’s Hist. of his own Times, Vol. II. p. 226, 7. 250, 1. with Wood’s Athen. Ox. Vol. II. p. 1170. Willis’s Survey of St. David’s, p. 138. and Godwyn de Presul. Angl. p. 588.

were probably written but a short time before that Event.

In one of the first he gives an Account of the Dutcheſs of Somerſet's Foundation of Scholarſhips in St. John's College; and in another about the year 1698, he concludes with wiſhing " his Lordſhip all Happineſs, and a good Deliverance " from the Deſigns of his Enemies; and hopes " the Baſſing of this Plot, will make People leſs " forward in believing all Sorts of Evidence.

" I am with duty, your Lordſhip's
 " moſt obliged Servant,
 " T. B."

In another of the 7th of April, probably in 1699, he Addreſſes him after this Manner.

" My Lord,
 " A Perſon who lately came from
 " Lambeth, and converſed pretty freely with the
 " Archbiſhop, told me, that the Archbiſhop has
 " been ſlow in his Proceedings againſt your Lord-
 " ſhip, for which he is generally blamed, even
 " by his own Friends; but alledgeth in his Ex-
 " cuſe, that he is reſolved to leave your Lordſhip
 " no Ground of Complaint, hearing all that can
 " poſſibly be alledged for you, yet the Sentence
 " will at laſt be heavy. He did not ſpeak this as
 " the Archbiſhop's Opinion, but he was very
 " poſitive

“ positive in what he said, and pretends good
 “ Authority for it. I think your Lordship can-
 “ not safely take Measures from the ABp. or
 “ Dr. Ox—. Things are differently reported.

“ I am

“ Your Lordship’s most dutiful

“ obliged Servant,

“ T. B.”

In another of Dec. 15.

“ My Lord,

“ I wish your Lordship many
 “ Years, and many Deliverances, but rather that
 “ there may be no Occasion.”

Again in another of the 14 Jan.

“ My Lord,

“ Dr. F—— is out of Town, but
 “ one thing I remember he said, that having men-
 “ tioned to the D——^s as a thing reported,
 “ that they had two Bishops now before them,
 “ the

^r Probably Dr. Oxendon, Master of Trinity Hall, and Regius Professor of Law; who was, I think, at that time Dean of the Arches, and had been chosen one of their Representatives in Parliament by the University of Cambridge in 1695.

^s Probably Charles Duke of Somerset, who was chosen Chancellor of the University on the Revolution in 1688, which Office he held with great Credit for the Space of sixty Years, to the Time of his Death, Dec. 2, 1748.

“ the *one* of whom they would gladly save’, and
 “ could not, the other gladly deprive, and could
 “ not. The D—— replied in some heat, it was
 “ very like he might be deprived. This the Dr.
 “ told me, but did not care it should be repeated,
 “ and therefore I must desire your Lordship not
 “ to speak of it, and indeed it is not fit to be
 “ spoken of.

“ I am

“ Your Lordship’s humble Servant.”

In one of 6 Jan. from Cambridge, probably in
 1702.

“ My Lord,

“ I shall be glad to hear that
 “ your Lordship finds relief from your Petition”;
 “ I see no hurt in that, it will shew the World
 “ that your Lordship did not drop the Cause, but
 “ desired a fair Hearing.

“ I have received the Books”, and have given
 “ or

^t Dr. Edward Jones, Bp. of St. Asaph, accused likewise of Simony.
 In whose Case, Bp. Burnet tells us, the Presumptions were very
 great, yet the Evidence was not so clear as in the other. Hist. of his
 own Times, Vol. II. p. 227.

^u To the House of Lords I presume, before whom the Cause at
 length came to a Hearing. ‘A Letter to a Peer concerning the
 Power of Metropolitans over their Comprovincial Bishops,’ in 4to.
 1701, was wrote in Favour of the Bishop.

^w ‘A summary View of the Articles exhibited against the late
 Bishop of St. David’s, and of the Proofs made thereon,’ had been
 pub-

“ or sent to Dr. C——, Dr. Hill, Dr. B——,
 “ Mr. Roper, Billers, Browne, Th—— C. C. &c.
 “ As many of them as I have seen, send your
 “ Lordship their Thanks. I doubt I shall want
 “ one or two for other Friends, whom I cannot
 “ easily resist; if your Lordship could give one or
 “ two to Mr. Bosv— in London, it would make all
 “ easy; however, I will take care that Dr. C——
 “ shall have one.

“ I am your Lordship’s

“ most dutiful and obliged Servant.”

Mr. Baker’s Friendship however for this Gentleman, seems to have got the better of his Judgment, since his Conduct has been very generally condemned; and what persuades me to think not without reason, is, that it appears highly probable from original Papers, now in the Hands of —, that long after his Deprivation, he even sold the Turns of those Livings he had purchased for and given to St. John’s College, “ viz. Fulborn St. Vigor, value

published in 8vo. 1701, by Sir John Coke, LL.D. in Answer to which was printed in 4to. 1702, A large Review of the same, in Defence of the Bishop, and which is probably the Book he employed Mr. Baker to distribute amongst his Friends. It was drawn up by Mr. Ferguson. See Salmon as above, p. 345, but this being thought too long, was abridged by his Lordship’s Chaplain, and printed in 1703, 4to. The Bishop told Mr. Baker, ‘ The Bishop of St. David vindicated, &c.’ by way of free Conference between two bold Britons, 4to. 1705, was wrote by his Chaplain and Countryman and Townsman, Mr. Catline. See the Bishop’s Case as agreed in the House of Lords. Baker’s MSS. Vol. XIV. p. 121.

lue 130*l*. — Brinkley, value 80*l*. both in Cambridgeshire, — and Brand's Burton, near Beverley in Yorkshire, value 200*l*. per Ann." and of which he had reserved the nomination to himself during his Life.

Upon his return to the College, he sat down with great Application to his Studies, and what Progress he made in them may be learnt from that most excellent Book, published by him, stiled, 'Reflections upon Learning, wherein is shewn the Insufficiency thereof, in its several Particulars: in Order to evince the Usefulness and Necessity of Revelation:' a Book wherein he has shewn himself well acquainted with all Parts of Learning, and which has met with so general an Approbation, that eight Impressions of it at the least, have been sold off. Mr. Boswell in his Method of Study, 1738, ranks it amongst the English Classics for the Purity of its Style^x, and recommends it to the young Student's Perusal, as an incomparable Performance, and well fitted for an Introductory Treatise to the Sciences. "A Piece," says he, "of so excellent a Nature, that will deserve a repeated Perusal, and that too with more than ordinary Exactness. That masterly Diction, that Purity and Simplicity of
"Ex-

^x John Boswell, A M. Vicar of Taunton, Part I. p. 246. See Anecdotes of Bowyer, p. 203.

^y P. 19. Introduction.

“ Expression, that runs through the whole, will
 “ furnish out a beautiful Pattern for Style; and
 “ that Variety of Matter it contains, will afford
 “ some useful Hints even to the wise and learned.

“ Those fine Observations which the Author
 “ has made on the several Branches of Know-
 “ ledge, that came under his Notice, will give the
 “ the Reader a general Notion of the most valu-
 “ able Parts of Learning, and prepare him for a
 “ judicious Perusal of those Books that treat of
 “ them. By the help of this useful Treatise, he
 “ will be able to observe the Defects of the seve-
 “ ral Sciences he intends to study, and mark the
 “ Faults to be avoided by Beginners. He will
 “ here see human Learning taken down from its
 “ exalted Heights, its Difficulties pointed out,
 “ and its Vanity and Insufficiency exposed, in a
 “ beautiful Manner: and in an Age, wherein
 “ Learning is admired almost to the Loss of Re-
 “ ligion; what can be a more proper Introduc-
 “ tion to the young Gentleman’s Study, what a
 “ more suitable Expedient to guard his Morals
 “ from the Infection of a degenerate World, than
 “ a Treatise of this Kind?”

I will venture to add, nothing could better
 have discovered the extensive Knowledge of the
 Author, than the Variety of Subjects on which
 he treats; and amongst which there are perhaps
 as few Mistakes as may be; one, however, he was
 very

very sensible of many Years before his Death (which his Bookseller neglected to correct in the subsequent Editions) and for which he quotes the Authority of Baldwin, the Collector of the Fragments of the twelve Tables of the Roman Laws, one of which permits the Body of the Debtor to be cut in Pieces, and divided amongst the Creditors for Want of Payment^z: by which was undoubtedly meant, no more than the Body of the Debtor's Estate, as has been since fully proved by a late very learned and ingenious Writer^a, of the same College.

Though Ecclesiastical Antiquities were by no means his principal Study, yet he hath shewn us what Proficiency he was capable of making in that Branch of Learning, by his Criticism upon two learned, though not very accurate Criticks, M. Le Clerc and Father Simon; and in his Remarks, pointed out some of their Mistakes, as may be seen at large in his xvith Chap. on Critical Learning, wherein he has stood up in Defence of Erasmus, the Person who, as Dr. Knight observes, awakened Men's Understandings, and brought them from the Friars' Divinity to a relish of general Learning, by his uncommon Wit and extraordinary Degree of Literature^b.

A late

^z Reflect. Chap. XIII. p. 178.

^a Comment. ad Leg. Decemviral. de inope Debitore, &c. Joan. Taylor, LL.D. 4to. Lond. 1742.

^b Life of Erasmus, Introduction. p. 7.

A late ingenious Writer, however, being of a different Opinion, hath passed the following Censure upon this Work. “Baker,” says he, “in his “Reflections upon Learning, defended Erasmus, “and attacked Le Clerc with a Virulence which “one would not have expected from a Man, who, “as I remember, was accounted a candid, genteel and polite Person. But party Zeal guided “his Pen: Tantum Religio potuit. — Le Clerc “gave him a short Answer, in the Index to the “fourth Edition of *Ars Critica*, under the Word “*Erasmus*.”

A Person of Dr. Jortin's Candour, should, methinks, have compared Erasmus's Words with those of Mr. Baker, before he passed so disagreeable a Censure upon the latter. More especially, as Mr. Baker was known to have been a Man of the strictest Veracity, whilst that of Mons. Le Clerc has been called in Question, more than once, although he lays so much stress upon it, in his short, but scurrilous Answer. And if I could be surprized at any Thing he either did or said, it would be that in the Edition of Erasmus's Works, published by him at Lyons in 1705; he has printed Erasmus's Comment on the xxviiith Chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, verbatim, with that of Basil in 1535, without taking the least Notice of its being printed otherwise in the Edition he mentions, and from which he takes

the Liberty of censuring Erasmus for his Want of Geography.

Dr. Jortin has likewise been pleased to observe, that “ Mr. Baker hath one Chapter upon Metaphysics, in which he hath made no mention of Locke. Just as if a Man should write the Lives of the Greek and Latin Poets, and truly omit Homer and Virgil ! And further, that in Chap. xvi. he had taken Notice, there was little or nothing left for the Sagacity and Industry of modern Critics; whereby he shewed he was no Critic himself, and not at all acquainted with the true State of Classical Books, and particularly of Greek Authors.” There are several other like Shafts, occasionally lanced at Mr. Baker, in his *Life of Erasmus*^c, which is professedly formed upon the Plan of *Le Clerc*, the *Writer's Guide and Master*. May not then his own Words be retorted upon him ? But party Zeal guided his Pen : *Tantum suadere Religio potuit*.

Mr. Baker likewise republished Bp. Fisher's Funeral Sermon for Lady Margaret, Countess of Richmond and Derby, Mother to King Henry VII. and Foundress of Christ's and St. John's Colleges in Cambridge^d; with a Preface of his own, wherein

^c See Jortin's *Life of Erasmus*, Vol. I. p. 550, 1, &c. 4to. 1758.

^d The Countess at her Death, had thirty Kings and Queens allied to her within the fourth Degree, either of Blood or Affinity: and
since

wherein he expresses the highest Regard for the Memory of that great and good Man, as being principally concerned, in promoting all her Foundations and Benefactions to both Universities; and towards the Conclusion of this Preface (wherein is given an Account of Old John's House, containing some farther Account of her Charities and Foundations, together with a Catalogue of her Professors both at Cambridge and Oxford, and of her Preachers there, with the Foundation of the present College) he speaks of him in the following Manner. "Having now done with the Foundation, it may be expected I should say somewhat of the following Sermon, as well as of its Author." "The Author is well known, and will need no Apology for his private Virtues, and I can be no Advocate for his Opinions. It is very true, he died for a mistaken Principle, which I could heartily wish had been otherwise, as well for his own sake, as for the sake of the College, that suffered with him: but if he could not digest the Oath of Supremacy, or if he denied it, thus much may be said in Abatement of his Crime, that the Thing was then quite new to him, till it had been better looked into, and the Doctrine proposed in such

" a

since her Death, she hath been allied in her Posterity to thirty more.
Pref. p. 7.

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“ a Sense, at least in such Terms, as Q. Eliza-
 “ beth’s Clergy, I am sure Mr. Calvin, could
 “ hardly allow. And yet I cannot but hope bet-
 “ ter of him, than of many of the complying Po-
 “ pish Clergy, who under that Reign of Perjury,
 “ in all Appearance, prostituted their Consciences
 “ to save their Preferments: and yet some of them
 “ did not do that, but were sent to wander, to
 “ seek their Bread, and were as very Mendicants
 “ by Necessity, as they could have been under a
 “ Vow.”

Eraſmus, in a Letter to William Grocyn, ſpeaks of him as one of the learnedeſt Men of the Age, and gives the like Character of him to John Reuchlin, a Man famous at that Time for Cabaliſtical Learning^f.

And Henry VII. in his Letter to his Mother about promoting him to a Biſhoprick, ſpeaks of his ſingular Virtue, his good and virtuous Con- verſation, &c. in very high Terms^g.

Dr. Rawlinſon, in his *English Topographer*^h, ſpeaks of this Preface in the following Terms.
 “ In this Piece the modeſt Author has given us a
 “ Specimen of his Skill in Antiquities; and it
 “ were to be wiſhed he would let ſee the Light,
 “ The

^f Knight’s *Life of Eraſmus*, p. 124, 5.

^g See *Append. to Bp. Fiſher’s Sermon*, p. 41. To which may be added Mr. Wharton’s Character of him in his *Anglia Sacra*, Part 1. p. 382.

^h By an impartial Hand, p. 14. 8vo. 1720.

“ The History of St. John’s College, &c. as this
 “ short Sketch makes us eager to see more of the
 “ Author’s Antiquities, and to read his Account of
 “ those, who flourished in the Republick of Let-
 “ ters, educated at Cambridge, in which we doubt
 “ not, Camden’s Judgment will be joined with
 “ Wood’s Industry.”

“ As to the Sermon, could I suspect any Danger
 “ from making it Publick, though it be printed
 “ already, yet I should not have been prevailed
 “ with to give it a second Edition: but I think
 “ there is none.” For which he gives some Rea-
 sons, and then concludes, “ As it is, I trust it
 “ with the Reader; if what has been said by Way
 “ of Apology, do not satisfy, towards obtaining
 “ his Favour, the next Thing I am to tell him is,
 “ that I do not value his Censure: I have no lit-
 “ tle Ends or Interest to serve; I have no Patron
 “ whom I either study to please, or am afraid to
 “ offend; no Preferment that I either seek, or
 “ would accept, if offered without seeking; I sit
 “ very loose to the World, and have a very few
 “ Years to live; I have always had an Inclination
 “ to speak the Truth, and to do Right, especially,
 “ where it is most deprest and wanted; and in
 “ that Opinion I hope to die.”

As Mr. Baker had deservedly an high Opinion
 of Bp. Fisher, and had some Thoughts of writing
 his Life, as appears by a Letter to Mr. Herne,

dated Sept. 1725.—“What you say of undertaking Bp. Fisher’s Life, I have often thought of, but to tell you the Truth, I dare not venture, since Right cannot be done him, without giving great Offence, and I would either do him Right, or nothing at all.”

And as he was willing to preserve any Memorials of so worthy and learned a Prelate, so we find him very solicitous in procuring an original Picture of him, or a good Copy; which the late Lord Weymouth, as it appears from the following Lettersⁱ, was so obliging as to favour him with.

Long Leet, July 25, 1709.

Dear Sir,

We are here of Opinion, that the Volume of Hollingshed, which you mention, con-

ⁱ These Letters were put into Dr. Grey’s Hands by Mr. Baker, upon a Report having been propagated, that the Picture was not given to Mr. Baker, but to the College; about obtaining which he seems to have been as anxious, as Sir Thomas More was for that of Erasmus, when despairing of seeing him any more in England. See Knight’s Life of Erasmus, p. 307. The above Letters were wrote by Dr. Robert Jenkin, who had been Fellow of St. John’s College, of which he afterwards became Master, and was then Chaplain to Thomas Lord Viscount Weymouth, (who had been very kind to Non-jurors (particularly to Bp. Ken) of which he was one, and quitted his Preferments at the Revolution on that Account, except his Fellowship, to which he retired for the Prosecution of his Studies. He, however, conformed to the Act of K. George I. when Master, and proceeded to eject those of the Fellows who refused. Though he acted herein with Reluctance against his Friends, and purely in Obedience to the Injunctions of the Government, yet he was made uneasy by the Sufferers on that Account. A long Account of him might be added from Nichols’s Anecdotes of Bowyer, p. 15, 6.

contains Things omitted in most Copies, though perhaps not all which are found in some, but that cannot be exactly known, till it be compared with some other Copy, which contains the Omissions.

My Lord will take it very kindly, if you will be pleased, as you propose, to send that Volume to Mr. Bedford, and his Lordship will send Bp. Fisher's Picture to London, to have a Copy taken for you there, by a good hand.

Mr. Bouchier lately called here in his Way from Bath, and in Discourse told me that he had seen a Picture of Bp. Fisher in Suffex: when he came into the Library, I asked him, whether he knew that Picture, shewing him Bp. Fisher's; he said he did not, and afterwards told us, that in Suffex was not like it: which makes me think that was taken when he was younger, or else is not his.

Mr. Bouchier did not deny that this agrees with the Latin Inscription, nor has any one that has compared them.

My Lord, I doubt, has nothing in his MSS. relating to the University; but Mr. Harbyn^k,
(who

^k Mr. George Harbyn, of Jesus College in Cambridge, had been Chaplain to Turner, Bp. of Ely, and suffered with his Master for refusing the Oaths at the Revolution. He is supposed to have been the Author of a Book, intitled, Hereditary Right, &c. although his Friend Hilckiah Bedford suffered Imprisonment, and was fined 1000

(who sends his Service) has divers Papers, though none before the Reformation: which shall be sent you from London, when we come there, or sooner if you desire it.

R. Jenkin.

Oct. 17, 1709.

Dear Sir,

Bishop Fisher's Picture is now copied, and so well done, that his Lordship has been thinking of parting with the Original to you, but the Painter told him, the Boards upon which it was painted, if any Accident should happen to it in the Carriage, could not be put together again, so as not to blemish the Picture. The Copy cost 10*l*. by which you may guess it is not ill done. And indeed, as it has hit the Likeness, so it is as well (if not better) finished than the Original.

Mr. Harbin has put some Papers relating to Cambridge into my Hands, which shall be sent to you with the Picture, when we come to London.

I spoke to Mr. Wanley¹, who is now here, to help

Marks for printing it.* He was thought to have been as well acquainted with the History and Antiquities of England as any Man whatsoever. See Supplement to Swift.

¹ Humfrey Wanley, the Son of Nath. Wanley, of Trinity Coll. Oxford, who took the Degree of A.B. there in 1654, and of A.M. in

* Hukiah Bedford was born July 23, 1663, and died Nov. 26, 1724. See an Account of him in *Anecdotes of Bowyer*, p. 629, 30.

help you to any Thing he has met with among Mr. Harley's Papers: or any others that may be serviceable to you. He tells me he will write to you from London, and offer you any Service which he can do you, &c.

The Mistake you mention had been very inconsiderable, if you had made it. Indeed I am ashamed of myself, as often as I consider, when many of my Friends are without that Title, to whom it is much more due^m.

R. Jenkin.

P. S. Mr. Francis Roper of St. John's College was very desirous of a Copy of this Picture likewise, but the Painter's stay was so short, it could not be procured.

Sir,

in 1657, was of Edmund Hall and University College, and then Mr. Harley's Librarian, and afterwards to Edward E. of Oxford; a Man of Learning, and as Mr. Hearne informs us, as well versed in Books, as any one of the Age, he died in 1726, and was buried in the Church of St. Mary le Bonne. See Preface to *Annales Priorat. de Dunstable*, p. 7. Mr. Gale, that celebrated Antiquary, speaks of him in the following Manner. — Neque silentio nobis prætereundus est, vir ille peritissimus, cujus custodiæ et fidei suam bibliothecam commisit honorandus admodum vir Edwardus Harlejus, Humfredus Wanleius: cujus opera benè de nobis merendo; et si quid cujus cura penes ipsum erat opus esset transcribendo, nunquam deficit. *Regist. Honor. de Richmond. Præf.* p. 35. See *Anec. of Brit. Topog.* p. 332. Vol. I. 668. and *Anecdotes of Bowyer*, p. 504. Many Letters amongst the Harleian MSS. from Mr. Bagford and Mr. Baker, were addressed to him at the Coach Office in Surrey Street. ib.

^m He probably took the Degree of D. D. about that Time.

Nov. 17, 1709.

Sir,

You will receive the original Picture of Bishop Fisherⁿ, which I hope will come safe to you. The Copy is well done, and has a great Likeness, but represents him at least ten Years younger, which I suppose was the Reason that the Painter omitted the Age, which you will find to agree with the Face, and with the Inscription.

I have likewise in the same Case sent you some Papers of Mr. Harbin's, who gives his Service.

Mr. Wanley came to Town with us, but I have not seen him since; when I do see him, will put him in Mind of his Promise, if he has not written to you.

Dear Sir,

Your humble Servant,

R. Jenkin.

Dec. 3, 1709.

Dear Sir,

I am glad that the Picture came safe, and that you approve of it. His Lordship is very well

ⁿ This Picture of the Founder, for so he is stiled in Mr. Baker's Will, was bequeathed by him to the Master Dr. Newcome or College, who told a Friend that of the two Pictures of him in the College, the best (which is reckoned to be done by Hans Holbein, the most celebrated Portrait Painter of those Times, as all who have seen it, and know his Style and Manner judge it to be his) has A^o. *Ætatis* 74. upon it, which will shew the Date (as he was born at Beverley in Yorkshire in 1459) to be about two Years before his Death.

well disposed, and I am sure would be very willing to gratify you in any Thing else, if his Library could afford any Materials for the great Work which you have in Hand^o.

I spoke to Mr. Wanley, who is not unmindful of his Promise, but says he will not trouble you with a Letter, till he has something better to present you, which he doubts not he shall have this Winter among Mr. Harley's MSS.

Mr. Wanley has the greatest Collection of English Bibles, Psalters, &c. that ever any one Man had. They cost him above 50*l*. and he has been above twenty Years in collecting them. He would part with them, I believe, but I know not at what Price. I wish that some of the Benefactors to St. John's Library would purchase them, for they are a very great and valuable Rarity; as the chief kind of Things there wanted.

I was pleased to see an Edition of the New Testament by Taverner, A. D. 1540, to have so much in it verbatim of our present Translation, and better spelt than I ever observed English at that Time^p.

There

The other represents him as much thinner in the Face, and seems to have been taken just before his Execution (on the 22d of June, 1535) a Skeleton and Crucifix being before him.

^o Athenæ Cantabrigienfes.

^p This Translation of the Bible (in MDXXXIX) is a great Rarity, for which the Translator is said to have been sent to the Tower, but for what Reason cannot easily be found, only he was then or soon

There is another Rarity then to be sold; which is proffered to my Lord; a Collection of Pamphlets, in Number 30000, bound in 2000 Volumes. The Collection was begun by King Charles the First in 1640, and continued to 1660. In a printed Paper, where I saw this Account, it is said the Collectors refused 4000*l*. for them⁹.

R. Jenkin.

He mentions likewise Scot's MS. History of the University of Cambridge amongst a Collection of Books then selling by Auction, which it might be agreeable to him either to purchase or copy, and which shews how diligent he was by himself or Friends in inquiring after every Thing upon that Subject, which he had so much at Heart, and which his indefatigable Labours and Abilities enabled him to have carried into Execution, had he met

soon after looked upon as heretically inclined, and the King's famous Bible being printed the same Year, from which this varies considerably; offence might be justly taken, and yet it is printed by Licence, and dedicated to the King.

This Translation seems to be for the most Part according to that of Tyndall, which was one Thing that might possibly give Offence, he being burnt for an Heretick. Baker's Notes.

See one of them in the Library of the University of Cambridge, A. 4. 25. and another in that of St. John's Coll. T. 6. 14.

For an Account of Rich. Taverner, see Masters's Hist. of C. C. C. C. p. 389.

⁹ This Collection (as I have been informed) was made by an Ancestor of Henry Sisson, Druggist on Ludgate Hill or Street; in whose Possession they were about thirty five Years since. They were purchased by the present King, and presented to the British Museum. Brit. Topogr. Vol. I. p. 669.

met with suitable Encouragement, with the greatest Credit to himself and Honour to the University; but such were the unhappy Divisions of those Times, that although the greater Part of his Life was spent in making Collections for such an History^r, yet he never met with a proper Patronage for such a Work, and so never digested any of them, but those of his own College, the History of which, down to the Restoration is well drawn up, and now compleat in the British Museum, and highly deserving of Publication^r.

Hearne

^r Enquiry being made concerning this Undertaking, it was answered in the following Manner. — Per Epistolam quæsitæ e — Bentheimo.

Qu. Quinam viri in Collegiis Acad. Cantab. a tempore Fundationis usque ad hanc ætatem maxime floruerint?

Resp. Johan. Bakerus * Coll. Div. Johan. non ita pridem Socius, jam vero Commensalis, Acad. Cantab. Historiam conscribendam suscepit. Quæ, ut cætera omnia ad Acad. illam spectantia, ita virorum qui in singulis ejusdem Collegiis maxime floruerint, Opera Vitæque exhibebit.

Quod autem ad illam Acad. Cant. Historiam, quam si quis alius Operi tanto par Rev. Joh. Bakerus conscribendam suscepit, quam hominem ipsum a biennio non viderim, neque ab alio aliquo intellexerim quos in eo Opere progressus fecerit, non dubito tamen, quin quanta potest in eo diligentia utetur. Sin vero de hac ex altera illa Oxon. Acad. Historia ab Ant. a Wood conscripta conjecturam facere liceat, hæc non nisi post aliquot annos expectanda erit †.

* 'Tis true Mr. M—— had a Conversation with Dr. P—— on this Subject, but not to such a Purport, as it is without his leave reported to be in Topogr. Brit. N. c. p. 219. and in Anec. of Bowyer, p. 616. Since Mr. M—— never did or ever meant to assert it was wrote 'under the Influence of Prejudice,' as there misrepresented. Something of that Kind might be hinted by Dr. P—— but Mr. M—— apprehends

* Errat. pro Tho. B——.

† Vide Bakeri MSS. Vol. XL. ad finem.

Hearne says, *Optandum est ut sua quoque Collectanea de Antiquitatibus Cantabrigiensibus juris faciat publici* Cl. Bakerus, quippe qui *Eruditione summâ Judicioque acri et subactò polleat*. — Had his Design ever been completed, it would far have exceeded Wood's Performance for Oxford, notwithstanding the Reflection, as unjust as severe, with which the Writer of Wood's Article in the *Biographia Britan.* insults us. For to the Application and Industry of the latter, Mr. Baker united a penetrating Judgment and great Correctness of Style; and these Improvements of the Mind were crowned with those amiable Qualities of the Heart, Candour and Integrity¹. Mr. Baker, however, in his Modest Way, seems to disclaim any such Superiority, in a Letter to Mr. Rawlins of Pophill, now amongst Ballard's Collections in the Bodleian Library, and communicated by an ingenious Friend late of Oxford, to the following Purport. "To your Inquiry concerning *Athenæ Cantabrigienses*, I can give you no sure Account, only it is certain Mr. Richardson² is making Collections towards such a
" Work,

prehends without much Reason, as he does not see any Grounds for such Prejudices, in Times so distant from his own. But indeed Mr. G— is so unfortunate as not only to have misrepresented Mr. M— here, but in every other Part of his very inaccurate Work, wherever his Name is mentioned. Pref. p. 23, 4.

¹ See *Anecdotes of Brit. Topography.* p. 103.

² Afterwards D.D. and Master of Eman. Coll,

“ Work, and I have furnished him with some-
 “ what towards this College. It is a Work I was
 “ inclined to myself, but our Registers are so im-
 “ perfect, that as far as I understand such Things,
 “ it is hardly possible to give a perfect Account of
 “ any Thing, near to what Mr. Wood has done
 “ at Oxford. If Mr. Richardson finds it other-
 “ wise, I shall be glad of his Success*.”

He was known to be so well versed in the History and Antiquities of this Kingdom, that scarce any Thing of that Sort was published without some Application to him, who was always found very ready to give any Assistance, and very communicative of his Knowledge, as the several Parties who applied to him, make honourable Mention of.

Dr. Walker, in the Year 1714, acknowledges his Assistance in his Account of the Numbers and Sufferings of the Clergy of the Church of England, saying the greatest Hopes he had conceived of this Kind, were upon the Informations of such learned Persons, as had more than a common Reputation for Antiquities; in which Number he ranks Mr. Baker, for his friendly Assistance in the University of Cambridge.

A short Time before his Ejection from his Fellowship, Bp. Burnet wrote him the following Letter, expressing his great Concern for the
 Churches’

* Dated 23 Aug. 1735.

Churches' Loss, by the Deprivation of so many worthy Men, who quitted their Preferments on Account of their Consciences.

London, Jan. 29, 1714 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Rev. Sir,

According to your Direction, I sent a Book to Mr. Wyat, where your Order will find it; and when you have found the Leisure to go through it, I am in hope that your Zeal for Truth, and Goodness for myself, will prevail over that modest Aversion that you express, to the censuring of what you may find amiss in it.

I do not deny that I thought a late Volume^y was written by one in St. John's College: since some there, as they had much Leisure, so were very capable of composing that Work, that was written with a great deal of Gravity and Decency.

I never think the worse of Men, for their different Sentiments in such Matters: I am sure I am bound to think much the better of them; for adhering firmly to the Dictates of their Conscience, when it is so much to their Loss, and when so sacred a Thing as an Oath is in the Case. But I have so great a Regard both to yourself and your Friends, that as I am extremely sorry that the Church hath so long lost the Service of so
worthy

^y The Hereditary Right of the Crown asserted.

worthy Men, so am very glad to have it in my Power, from what you write to me, to vindicate both you and them in that Particular: for I am with a true and high esteem,

Rev. Sir,

Your most affectionate
and most humble Servant

Gi. Sarum.

This learned Prelate, although he was not at Liberty to mention Mr. Baker's Name, yet acknowledges his Assistance in correcting some Mistakes in the two first Volumes of his History of the Reformation. "A Gentleman," says he in his Preface² to the third Volume, "in one of the Universities, has sent me a copious Collection of Remarks, on both my former Volumes, but on Condition not to name him; which I will observe religiously, since I promised it, though it be not easy to myself. Since I may not own to whom I owe so great an Obligation, I suppress none of them, but give them entirely as he offered them to me." And they are accordingly printed there.

In a Letter from the learned Dr. William Wotton to Dr. Waller of St. John's College, dated 1 Dec. 1715, he expresses himself concerning these worthy Men in the following Manner.

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“ I am heartily sorry for my old Friends in the College ; and would give a great deal, had I great deal to give, that a Way could be found to get them overlooked. The unhappy Commotions of restless Men, have done these honest and worthy Men a Mischief.”

But notwithstanding these good Wishes of their Friends, he with several other learned, peaceable and inoffensive Men, were dispossessed of their Fellowships on 20 Jan. 1716^a. This of all Mr. Baker's Sufferings seems to have affected him the most, and to have given him the greatest Uneasiness, not so much on Account of the Profits arising from his Fellowship, as that some, whom he took to be his sincerest Friends, came so readily into it, particularly Dr. Jenkyns their Master. From this Time he stiled himself in all his Books, Tho. Baker, Coll. Jo. Socius ejectus, and on a Letter from Dr. Jenkyns, directed to Mr. Baker, Fellow of St. John's College, he made the following Remark, ‘ I was so then, and little thought it would be by him I should be no Fellow.’ This Dr. Robert Jenkyns had been himself a Nonjuror, and very intimate with Mr. Baker, and even wrote a Defence of the Profession of Lake, Bp. of Chichester, concerning Passive Obedience and the new Oaths, after having given up the Precentorship of Chi-

^a To the Number of Twenty-two in that College only, whose Names are mentioned in App. to the Life of Kettlewell, p. 33.

Chichester, and Vicarage of Waterbeach, on that Account. He complied, however, about the Time of his being preferred to the Mastership of his College (on Apr. 16, 1711) and so became the Instrument of ejecting his old Friends and Associates. In this Step, though he is said to have acted with Reluctance against his Friends, and merely in Obedience to the indispensable Injunctions of the Government^b, yet he was made uneasy by the Sufferers on that Account; which occasioned him to decline, and in some Years to lose both his Memory and Understanding.

Sir Paul Whichcote^c, a worthy Baronet of Quoy in Cambridgeshire, wrote to Mr. Baker upon this Occasion, in the following friendly and obliging Manner.

Sir,

I received your extreme kind Letter some Days ago, in which there were so many obliging Expressions, which are much more the Effect of your Goodness, than due to any Merit of mine.

I should have been glad to have done Mr. Billers^d and yourself Service upon any Account, and
would

^b Mr. B. is said to be quite wrong in imagining he could do more for him than he did, since he was screened, till Notice came from Above that this would not be overlooked any longer. T. F.

^c See an Account of this Family in Whiston's Memoirs, p. 369.

^d John Billers, B. D. Fellow of St. John's College, was chosen Publick Orator of the University in 1681, but deprived for refusing the

would have omitted no Care or Pains to have effected it, but have this Disconsolation, to consider that I have only laid an unprofitable Obligation upon you, since you are pleased to own it as such.

I should have been forward to have made Acknowledgments before, for all those obliging Expressions in your Letter in respect to my Uncle^c, as well as myself, but I had a mind first to acquaint Lord Orford^f, with the grateful Sense you have of his Readiness and Willingness to serve you in that Affair, which is now done. And I am going, upon the finishing of this Letter, to wait upon my Lord of Ely^g, on the same Account.

Sir, I shall be very sorry, if what has happened, shall put you upon removing to some Place, perhaps not so agreeable to yourself, and deprive your Friends of the Benefit of your Conversation.

I could never have any Suspicion, that so good a Person as you are, could be capable of doing any Injury to the Government; and therefore am
so

the new Oaths at the Revolution. A truly learned and good Man, as Mr. W— styles him.

^c Sir Jeremy Whichcote, a noted Royalist. See Eachard's Hist. of England, Vol. III. p. 807.

^f Edward Earl of Orford, Son of Edward Russel, Esq; See Peerage of England, 1709, p. 293. and Campbell's Lives of Admirals, Vol. III. 67.

^g Dr. William Fleetwood, a celebrated Preacher, translated from St. Asaph to Ely in 1714.

so far from supposing, that I can suffer on any such Account, that I rather esteem it as an Honour, to have attempted to serve you^h, and shall always remain, Sir,

Your most faithful

and most humble Servant

Pa. Whichcote.

And this Application of his Friends in his Behalf, must have arose entirely from the Sense they had of the agreeableness of that Situation to him, and not from the Revenue arising from it; for so little sollicitous was he about temporal Affairs, that afterwards, when in the Year 1723, the Registering Act passed, his Nephew Burton wrote to desire he would register his Annuity of 40*£*. per Ann. (which the Act required before it was amended and explained). Though this Annuity was now his whole Subsistence, yet he could not prevail with him to secure himself against the Act, but he wrote to him thus in Answer.

“ I thank you for your kind Concern for me, and yet I was very well apprized of the late Act; but don’t think it worth the while at this Age, and

^h A Remark of Dr. Williams in the Margin, “ What this Service was I do not know, by the Date of the Letter I imagine there had been some Design of getting him and Mr. Billers restored to their Fellowships, or a Pension, or something in lieu of them.” The Letter is indorsed in Mr. B—’s own Hand, “ Sir P. W.’s Letter, who kindly offered himself without being applied to.”

and under such Infirmities, to give myself or my Friends so much trouble about it. I don't think that any Man living, besides myself, knows certainly that it is charged upon any Part of Cousin Baker's Estate; or if they do, I can hardly believe, that any one for so poor and so uncertain a Reward, will turn Informer; or if any one can be found so poorly mean and base, I am so much acquainted with the Hardships of the World, that I can bear it. I doubt not but I shall live, under the severest Treatment of my Enemies: or if I cannot live, I shall surely die, and that is comfort enough to me.

If a Conveyance will secure us against the Act, I am willing to make such a Conveyance of the Annuity to you, not fraudulently and in trust, but in as full and absolute a Manner as Words can make it: and if that shall be thought good Security, I desire you will have such a Conveyance drawn and sent to me by the Post, and I will sign it, and leave it with any Friend you shall appoint, till it can be sent to you.

This Annuity of forty Pounds a Year was left by his Father's Will for his Fortuneⁱ; besides
which

ⁱ There is an ill-natured Remark upon this Annuity being held with his Fellowship, in the Anecdotes of Bowyer, p.614. as if inconsistent with it, whereas the great decrease in the Value of Money since the Foundation of the College, may easily reconcile it to the Statute.

which, his elder Brother by Will left him twenty, Pounds a Year out of his Collieries from the Day of his Death (which happened in August 1699) for the remaining Part of a Lease, which determined at Whitfontide 1723, the very Year that this Registering Act took place. Yet after the the loss of his Fellowship, and the Determination of this Lease, he lived comfortably and much to his own Satisfaction upon his Annuity. And though he had many kind Offers, as I have been credibly informed, particularly from Dr. Kennet, Bp. of Peterborough, who not long after his Promotion to that See, reserved some of his best Preferments for Mr. Baker, and would not give them even to his own Son, till the other had modestly declined them; intimating that the Pittance that was left him, would with good Oeconomy, carry him comfortably through the World^k: being well apprized that the Seat of Contentment is in the Mind, and if that was not easy in itself, no outward Circumstances could make it so; and that every Trifle would make it otherwise; and that even Prosperity itself cannot be born, without a good Degree of Patience.

Nay, in all Vicissitudes it is plain that he could suit his Mind to his Circumstances, and taking
upon

^k In which Selfdenial, he much resembled Mr. John Hale, Fellow of Eton College, of whom an Account may be seen in the Life of Lord Clarendon, p. 53, 5.

upon him the whole Armour of God, was able to withstand the evil Day, and to remain stedfast and immoveable, both in doing and suffering his Will, as may be seen in a Soliloquy of his in the Appendix.

His Acquaintance with Dr. Grey, seems to have commenced at least as early as the Year 1718, when we meet with a Letter to him, dated 5 March, from Cambridge, and which continued till the Time of his Death without the least Interruption.

Worthy Sir,

This Day, and this very Moment, I received your Books, printed and MS. and though I have had but little Time to peruse them, yet I can easily guess I am much in your Debt, and wish I knew how to be out of it.

When I return you the MSS. which I doubt not are very valuable, I must think of some small Token of Acknowledgment, though much beneath the Faveurs with which you have loaded me.

Hemingius's Poem, dedicated to Queen Elizabeth, is undoubtedly an Original, and as such is a Rarity, though the intrinsic Value be not much; I don't know that it has been printed, and I am apt to think never will. The other two have less to say for themselves, and yet they
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are not to be despised, but I must not make a Judgment upon so transient a View as I have yet had.

If I meet with Dr. Beveridge's *Pandectæ Canonum*, I shall be sure to remember. It begins now to be scarce and dear, and it is very valuable; I have it not in my Study, and indeed scarce any Books that are in our Library.

I thank you for your kind Invitation, but without Compliment, I am not fit to go any where beyond my own Chamber, where I shall always be glad to wait upon you, when your Occasions call you this Way.

Dr. Dickins is very agreeable Company, whom I will acquaint with the Favour you offer him, the next Time I meet him at the Coffee House.

I am, Sir,

Your most obliged humble Servant,

Tho. Baker.

By another, dated 14 June, 1722, he acknowledges his Receipt of the Doctor's Recommendation of Dr. Cutler, an eminent New England Divine, and once Governor of Yale College, with three other Gentlemen, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Brown and Mr. Cherkley, who came into England for Missions, and were favoured with Degrees at Oxford, in the following Words.

Worthy

Worthy Sir,

Not knowing whether I shall see Dr. Cutler and his Friends any more, I send this by the Carrier, with my Thanks for the Favour of your last Letter.

The Dr. and his Friends return with the same Degrees they had at Oxford, which by the short Conversation I had with them, as well as by the Testimony of better Judges, I find they very well deserve.

I hope they will meet with better Encouragement, from those that are best able to confer it.

You will probably have seen Dr. Middleton before you receive this, who will acquaint you with our Affairs, and make it needless for me to add any more, than that I am

Yours, &c.

Tho. Baker.

In another, dated 10 Oct. 1724.

———— The Book I received, for which and many others, I return you hearty Thanks. I desire you will give yourself no further trouble to look out more, I have Books enough: this latter will be a very proper Employment for my old Age, if I have Grace to use it. The other Book I sent to the Master of Magdalen, who was glad nothing new happened since you left us; the
Friends

Friends you name return their humble Services, with Dr. Middleton's, who is now with us, and Mr. Newcome, who thanks you for your kind Letter. —

There are two large Volumes of original Letters of Mr. Baker to the well known Mr. Thomas Hearne, the Oxford Antiquarian, now in the Bodleian Library, beginning about the Year 1716; from whence it appears, that he gave him marvellous Assistance, in all the Books he published from that Time to his dying Day, and which abundantly shews his great critical Skill in English History, and particularly in that of Books relating thereto: and from whence many useful and instructive Extracts might be made, of such Things as were not published by Mr. Hearne; whom we find very liberal in his Acknowledgments for his most friendly Assistance in almost every Book he published.

Thus in his Preface to Sprott's Chronicon¹, speaking of Nic. Cautelupe's History of the University of Cambridge, Bakerus Amicus noster integerrimus et doctissimus; aliiq̃ sapientes Cantabrigienses flocci faciunt.

And again, — idem testatur Codex Cantabrigiensis, ut e Literis Antiquarii amicissimi doctissimique Thomæ Bakeri S.T.B. intellexi^m.

In

¹ P. 36. A. D. 1719.

^m Præfat. Rob. de Avesbury Hist. P. IV. A. D. 1720.

In his Preface to the History of Glastonburyⁿ, he says, “I cannot but here acknowledge that that great Man, the Rev. Mr. Baker of Cambridge, was pleased, while the Book was under the Press, to send me something curious relating to this Subject (viz. a Catalogue of its Abbots, &c.) which shall be placed by me in the Appendix.”

And farther, *In principio exemplaris Catalogi hujusce, mihi ab amicissimo Tho. Bakero S.T.B. Cantabrigienfi Antiquario equidem spectatæ virtutis donati, hæc inter alia, a manu (nempe Bakeri) scripta habentur, &c.*^o

In his Preface to Robert of Gloucester's Chronicle, published in 1724, he gives a large Account of the Nuremberg Chronicle, Hartman Schedel^p, &c. given to Christ College, (Class D. 4. 2.) by Ferdinando Pulton, Esq; the great common Lawyer, who had been Scholar and Fellow there, as it appears from Mr. Baker's Letters, and the very Words of the Inscription therein^q.

“In turning over my Papers (saith Mr. Baker)
 “I find we have another Copy of Hartman Schedel, &c. at Christ's College, given to that College by Ferd. Pulton, Esq; admitted Scholar in
 “his

ⁿ P. LXXX. Append. N. XI. A. D. 1722.

^o Præfat. Johan. Forduni Schoti-Chron. p. ccxviii.

^p See a full Account of this Book from Baker's MSS. Vol. XXIX. p. 408. inserted in the Append.

^q See the latter end of the 1st Vol. MS.

“ his Youthe into Christ College in Cambridge,
 “ the last Yeare of the Reigne of King Edward the
 “ Sixt, where he continued until the last Yeare
 “ of Queene Marye, tooke the Degree of A. B. in
 “ 1555, and was made Fellowe of the same Col-
 “ lege one Yeare before he departed thence^r.
 “ Became afterwards a painfull Student, and
 “ Professer of the Common and Statute Lawes
 “ of this Realme (as may appeare by severall
 “ Books or Workes by him composd and pub-
 “ lished in Print, tending to the knowledge and
 “ divulging of the same Lawes) even untill his
 “ age of fourscore Years and upwards^s. For
 “ the Love and Affection which he did beare to
 “ to the said College, his Nurse and School-mis-
 “ tress, and in token of good Will to the same
 “ House, did upon the sixt Daye of September,
 “ anno Domini 1617, et anno Regni Jacobi 15,
 “ bestowe this Booke upon the Master and Fel-
 “ lowes of the foresayd Colledge, and their Suc-
 “ cessors; too meane a Guifte for so worthie, and
 “ well deserving a Place: intended nevertheless
 “ to have beene much greater, had it not beene
 “ extenuated by the Charges and Expences of his
 “ Travall and Labours in the Workes aforesaid,
 “ wil-

^r Had the industrious Author of Athen. Oxon. ever seen this remarkable Inscription, he never would have placed him at Brazen Nose, amongst the Oxford Writers.

^s 20 Jan. 1617. æt. 82. See Athen. Oxon. Vol. I. p. 319.

“ willingly bestowed upon the Professors of the
 “ same Studie, for the Benefit of his Countrie
 “ and Commonwelth thereof, by me

“ Fernando Pulton, of Burton
 “ in the Countie and Parish of
 “ Buckingham.”

We find Mr. Hearne in like Manner, making honourable Mention of Mr. Baker, in all his subsequent Works, and indeed with the greatest Reason: for he had been indefatigable in his Researches for him, and afforded him extraordinary Assistance in carrying them on to the last.

Mr. Hearne willing to testify a grateful Sense of the many Favours conferred upon him by Mr. Baker, writes thus to him from Oxford, July 3, 1783.

Hon. Sir,

Having been informed by Mr. Rawlyns of Pophill^{*}, of your noble Design of continuing Mr. Wood's Athenæ, and that any Notices which would be serviceable to such an Undertaking, would be kindly received, I drew up a short Account of the Life of my learned and ingenious Friend Mr. Graves, which, however unfit I am for such a Purpose, I will venture to communicate to you.

Tho. Hearne.

By

^{*} Near Alcester in Warwickshire

By these means, such a Friendship was contracted between them, as continued to the Death of the former: which the latter, in a Letter to the same Tho. Rawlyns, Esq; thus laments.

Worthy Sir,

I have the Favour of your Letter, and am to thank you for your Account of the loss of our common Friend, and heartily condole with you upon that melancholy Occasion; and for the common loss, not only to you and me, but more so to the Public; I often cautioned him against fatiguing himself too much, and overloading his Constitution, but he was not to be advised, and so dies a Martyr to Antiquities.

Yours,

Tho. Baker.

Camb. Aug. 23, 1735.

Mr. Baker had likewise a Correspondence with Dr. Thomas Smith, of Magdalen College at Oxford (a great Friend of Mr. Hearne's, and whose Letters and Papers he inherited) for whom he copied K. Edward VI's Letters to Queen Catherine Parr, from the Library of C. C. C. C.^a

A Divine of great Eminence, Dr. John Smith^x,
in

^a Mr. Hearne left a Life of himself in MS.

^x In Hearne's Append. to Tit. Livii Foro-Julienſis Vitæ Hen. V. Reg. Angl. publ. 1716. containing a Collection of Letters of great Persons.

in his Preface to his Edition of Venerable Bede's Ecclesiastical History (published by his Son George Smith, Esq; in 1722) thus speaks of Mr. Baker^y.

Hujus Impressionis mihi Copiam fecit ex Bibliotheca Coll. Corp. Christi Cant. Vir celeberrimus atque Antiquitatum omne genus peritissimus Thomas Baker S.T.B. quem ob præcipuam ejus erga me benevolentiam atque honoris causa nomino^z.

Dr. Samuel Knight likewise, in his Introduction to the Life of Erasmus^a, makes honourable mention of him. “ Monsieur Le Clerc for some
“ (as he thought) critical Mistakes, would endeavour to lessen the Credit of Erasmus, but I
“ could almost forgive him, for having done
“ more for the honour of our Author in having
“ so great a Hand in the Publication of his
“ Works, than he hath dishonour to him; especially too, since they stand judiciously confuted, by a very learned Friend (Mr. Baker in his
“ Reflections upon Learning) to whom I take
“ this Opportunity of paying my Acknowledgments, for the Assistance he has afforded me
“ towards this Work, and thereby contributed
“ to the farther honour of Erasmus and his English
“ list

^y See his Character in Carter's Hist. of Camb. p. 258.

^z He was buried in St. John's College Chapel, 30 Jul. 1713, at the Age of 56, with a long Inscription over him by his learned Friend Mr. Baker, which although printed by Le Neve. Vol. V. p. 266. and Blomfield 123. Collect. Cantab. shall have a Place in the Append.

^a Published in 1726. p. 16.

“lish Friends.” And again in the Life of Erasmus at p. 88. he styles him “the greatest Master of the Antiquities of this our University.”

The late learned Hilkiah Bedford, one likewise of the ejected Fellows of St. John’s College, in *Præfatio Vitæ Johannis Barwick S.T.P.* published by him, from the MS. deposited in that College Library by his Brother Peter, the Author, thus speaks of him, *Amicissimus mei Thomas Bakerus, egregium illius Collegii Ornamentum, atque Antiquitatum Cantabrigiensium studiosissimus peritissimusque.* To this Book, printed in 1721, there were eleven or twelve hundred Subscribers, and yet a Translation was called for in three years Time; which was made by the Editor, and published with many curious Notes in 1724. Of whom may be seen a long Account in Carter’s History of Cambridge (p. 261.) which History was chiefly composed from the Collections of the Rev. Rob. Smith of Woodston; whose Handwriting was so bad, and the Compiler so ignorant and illiterate, that it abounds with innumerable Faults.

Mr. Browne Willis, in like Manner, freely acknowledges his Assistance in the several Works that he was from time to time carrying on; as does also Mr. Francis Peck, in his Preface to the first Volume of his *Desiderata Curiosa*, in the following Terms. “For this, and a multitude of other

uncommon Favours, which Mr. Baker for a long course of Years, has most generously done me, I should of all Men living, certainly be the most ungrateful, if I did not here make him this public Acknowledgment;" and indeed in the Preface to the second Volume, and elsewhere, he frequently repeats these Acknowledgments; as many of the most curious of them had been copied from his Collections, such as Queen Elizabeth's Reception and Entertainment at Cambridge, Count Arundel's Apology, the Life of Mr. John Bois, Smith's Obituary, &c. and in particular for two Letters concerning Dr. Anthony Walker, the Author of the Life of Dr. John Bois, with some farther Particulars relating to the Life and Death of the latter^b.

The learned and celebrated Dr. Middleton in his Dissertation concerning the Origin of Printing in England, after producing three Authorities for its Origin at Mentz, viz. Caxton himself, the Black Book, or Register of the Garter, and Fabian's Chronicle, adds, these three Testimonies have not been produced before that I know of; two of them were communicated to me by Mr. Baker, who, of all Men, is the most able, as well as the most willing, to give Information in every Point of curious and uncommon History. And in his *De Medicor. apud veteres Romanos degentium*

^b See Life of Cromwell, p. 93, 4.

tium conditione Differtatio, he thus speaks of him, Bakerus denique noster, qui Colloquiis hisce nostris, non interesse solum, sed pro illâ, qua præstet omnibus, Antiquitatis cognitione, præesse etiam solebat; cum Opinioni meæ suæ etiam sententiæ pondus, tanquam cumulum quendam adjecissit. p. 5.

The late worthy and learned Dr. John Ward, when meditating the Lives of the Gresham Professors, got a Friend to communicate his design to Mr. Baker, who not only approved of it, but agreeably to his constant readiness to promote every laudable Undertaking, for the Improvement of Knowledge, was pleased likewise to promise him Assistance, from his large and valuable Collections. And not long after, sent many Particulars relating to most of the Professors, who were bred at Cambridge^c.

Dr. William Richardson, the learned Master of Emanuel College in Cambridge, in his large Work, de Præsulibus Angliæ, amongst other Helps and Assistance he met with from MSS. and Friends, speaks of Mr. Baker in the following Manner. — Hunc Librum in ipso Operis primordio mihi commendavit Vir Thomas Baker S.T.B. nuper e Coll. Divi Johan. Cant. cujus peritiam in Britannicis Antiquitatibus, Comitatem Humanitatem-

^c Preface to the Lives of the Professors of Gresham College, p. 1.

tatemque in Opera et consiliis prestandis, norunt omnes qui hæc Literas vel leviter attingerint^d.

He revised Dr. Rawlinson's Hist. of Eton Coll. as appears from Ballard's MS. Vol. II. fol. 93. in the Bodleian Library, with his Account of purchasing some of his Books, and Additions to Wood's Athen. Oxon. in the same Volume.

Mr. Baker likewise greatly assisted the Editor Mr. J. Tanner in the last Edition of Bp. Tanner's Notitia Monastica, wherein he styles him, Amicissimus, clarissimus ——— et Vir doctissimus Thomas Baker. And in a Note at p. 155. he acknowledges to have received from him, the Number of Fellows and Scholars in most of the Colleges in Cambridge.

Mr. Joseph Ames, F.R.S. and Secretary to the Society of Antiquaries, also in his Typographical Antiquities of England, informs us that he corresponded with Mr. Baker by Letter, and that he had considerable Assistance from him in that Work. Some Particulars of which are specified in p. 352. concerning Thomas Vantrollier the Printer, at p. 458. Thomas Thomassius, the Author of the Dictionary called by his Name, who had been Fellow of King's College, and University Printer, and at p. 564. a Book intitled, A Declaration of the true Causes of the great Troubles, presupposed to be intended against the Realm

^d Preface. p. 5.

Realme of England, &c. which was deemed so dangerous a Libel, against the Queen and Government, that Lord Bacon thought it worth while, to publish Observations upon it in 1592.

The Editor of this Life, although he never had the honour of his Acquaintance, being very young at the Time of his Death, yet being well informed of his amiable Character, makes honourable mention of him, both in his Preface to the History of C. C. C. C. at p. 42. and elsewhere, and in his App. N. LIX. has given the Account above inserted (p. 29. note g.) taken from his own MSS.

In the Year 1725, Mr. Baker gave assistance to Father Courayer^e, in the Defence of our English Ordinations, on which Subject he held a Correspondence for some Time with ABp. Wake, who acknowledged it in the following Letter.

Rev. Sir,

Yesterday in a large Case, I sent by Mr. Knapton to Mr. Crownfield your Printer, was returned the MS. you was so good as to send me, with that you will receive a Copy of Father Courayer's Book.

I should have added another Copy for Dr.
Drake,

^e Written in French by Father Francis Courayer, Canon Regular and Librarian of St. Genevieve at Paris, the Translation of which by Daniel Williams, Presbyter of the Church of England, was printed likewise at Paris in 1725.

Drake, but the Books we expect from Paris are not yet arrived; and what we now have are only a few brought over by Mr. Ott my Library Keeper: one of the first, I thought myself obliged to send to you. Dr. Drake shall have his as soon as the Books come to hand, which we expect every Day.

In this Book you will find your Name made use of for the Histriola in the University Archives^f, which I hope you will excuse, though I gave no direction for it. The good Father has, I think, been guilty of a Blunder, in taking the Date of that MS. from the Year 1568, under ABp. Parker's Arms: but this may be excused in a Foreigner. Yet I must do myself the Justice to acquaint you, that I cautioned him against it, as soon as I received your second Letter, and understood that the Arms were printed, so as to be applied to any other MS. of a different Year; but I doubt this was done by him before that Letter came to hand; the best is, that nothing of any Moment depends upon it. And upon the whole I believe, you will find fewer Mistakes, in so much as he has published of our History, than in any Foreigner that has ever wrote of it.

I can-

^f Mr. Baker's Name is not mentioned in Mr. Williams's Translation of this Book, though probably referred to in that of the Author's Preface, p. 7. where he speaks of his Vouchers, and regrets the Injunction laid upon him not to divulge their Names, as they would have done great honour to his Work.

I cannot end this, without my repeated Thanks for your great Kindness to him in the Prosecution of this Work, which I am sure will meet with a very favourable Reception from the learned in France.

I am, good Sir,

Your most obliged and faithful

Friend and Brother

W. Cant.

Amongst the Letters that passed between ABp. Wake and Father Courayer upon his Book, concerning the Validity of the English Ordinations, there is one in which his Grace with great Respect mentions Mr. Baker, the famous Antiquary of St. John's College, Cambridge, who communicated to him some Information concerning the Histriola, &c. relating to ABp. Parker, which was discovered during the Correspondence with Courayer, in Bene't College Library. The Archbishop had before received some Assistance from this learned Nonjuror, in writing his State of the Church, and after the Work was completed wrote to him a Letter of Thanks; and as a Testimony of his Sense of the Service he had done him, offered to accept his Recommendation of a Friend (as he could not receive it himself) to a Benefice worth 200*l.* a Year, then vacant. Mr. Baker waved this Offer; and very politely requested his

Grace's Favour might be to himself, by a Present of a Copy of the aforesaid Work, with his Grace's Corrections and Additions in his own Handwriting. With this the Archbishop complied, and sent besides, many Manuscript Evidences bound up with the Volume, now in the University Library^s.

In the Year 1728, we meet with the following Letter, to his old Friend Mr. John Strype.

“ Rev. and worthy Sir,

“ After so long a Silence, I was glad to hear from you; had your Letter brought an Account of your Health, I should have been perfectly easy, since if it is otherwise, pray God comfort you under your great Affliction. You have one sure Comfort and Support, in having done more Service to your Generation than any one I know. For which you may expect a Reward in Heaven, though not from an evil World. I was very much concerned, to meet with that undeserved Reflection in Father Courayer's Book, though I am certain it cannot hurt you with candid Readers. You can have said nothing in your Preface, from me, which I shall not confirm, or which I have already upon Occasion, to most of my Friends; so that will want no Apology, be it what it will.

“ I am

^s See Biograph. Brit. p. 4096.

“ I am glad to hear your last Book is in such
 “ Forwardness, though I have seen most of it al-
 “ ready. The Compiler of the Index, Dr. Grey,
 “ being my particular Friend. He has a true
 “ Esteem for you, and presents you with his Ser-
 “ vice. I expect to see Dr. Knight the next
 “ Month, in his Way to London, I will then re-
 “ member your Service, though you will have an
 “ Opportunity of doing it yourself, since he in-
 “ tends to see you, and promised to make the
 “ second Payment for me and the College, and
 “ to take care to convey the Books to me.

“ As to myself, I bless God, I enjoy a tolera-
 “ ble Share of Health, more than I could reason-
 “ ably expect at this Age, and much more than
 “ I deserve; but yet I feel the Infirmities of Age,
 “ and am very sensible of my own Frailty and
 “ Mortality. You stand in my Will for ABp.
 “ Bancroft's Picture, which I am afraid you will
 “ hardly be the better for; if not, it shall stand as
 “ the best Testimony of Respect, from, worthy
 “ Sir,

“ Your most obliged humble Servant

“ Tho. Baker.”

Camb. May 20, 1728.

Mr. Strype has frequently acknowledged Mr.
 Baker's Assistance in many Parts of his Works,
 par-

particularly in his Prefaces to the Lives of ABps. Parker and Whitgift; but in that to the third Volume of the Annals of Queen Elizabeth, the Book abovementioned, published this Year, he thus speaks of him. “ The Rev. T. B. S.T.B. “ another of my Correspondents (well known for “ his Searches into the History of this Church “ and Kingdom) divers Years ago, upon some “ Occasion in a private Letter to me had these “ Words, ‘ I have not read any Books with more “ Pleasure than I have your’s, nor met with any “ Thing that beareth more lively Impressions of “ Sincerity and Truth; and it is that, that makes “ me so officious to serve you.’ I hope that the “ Rev. Person will excuse me in thus openly “ using his Name, and declaring his good Opinion of me; especially upon this Occasion, for “ preserving my good Name to Posterity, and “ Reputation of what I have writ.”

Mr. Strype has satisfactorily answered the mistaken Objections of Mr. Daniel Williams, the Translator of Father Courayer’s Book, and fully justified himself against his slanderous and illiberal Reflections, which occasioned the Uneasiness above hinted at, in the beginning of the Preface to this Volume: upon the Publication of which Mr. Baker wrote to him from Camb. Aug: 9, 1729, in Answer to one lately received.

“ Rev.

“ Rev. and worthy Sir,

“ After so long Silence,
 “ I was very glad to hear of your Health, and
 “ that you are yet in a Condition to think of
 “ Business, which all the World would excuse
 “ you from attending, at your Age. What you
 “ propose would be very agreeable to me, and
 “ would certainly be of Use to the World; but I
 “ doubt you must not propose any present Ad-
 “ vantage to yourself, but must be content that
 “ your Book will be valued, and bear a Price an
 “ hundred Years hence. And thus it is I com-
 “ fort Mr. Willis when he complains his Books
 “ stick upon his Hands. Whatever you under-
 “ take, I shall subscribe for myself and the Col-
 “ lege, though the College was forgot in your
 “ last Book, of which some Notice was taken.

“ I have lately met with a small Volume
 “ of original Letters, from 1592 to 1598, from
 “ Lord Burleigh to his Son Sir Robert Cecill,
 “ which belonged to the late Bishop of Ely, (Dr.
 “ Moore) you may probably have seen these al-
 “ ready, however I will send you a Copy of the
 “ last Letter, rather as a Curiosity than of Use.
 “ By that you will judge whether you have seen
 “ the rest.

“ Dr. Knight I have not seen this Harvest time.
 “ Mr. Willis has told us he is upon the History
 “ of the Church of Ely, as you will find when his

“ next

“ next Book is published. I wish you Health,
 “ and though I should be glad to see a Continu-
 “ ance of your Annals, yet not otherwise than it
 “ will consist with your Health.

“ Yours, &c.

“ Tho. Baker.”

Mr. Baker sent Mr. Strype likewise a long Account of Dr. Peter Baro, Margaret Professor of the University of Cambridge, and of his Family, which is barely mentioned in his fourth Volume of the Annals of Queen Elizabeth.

These Letters were afterwards published by Mr. Peck in *Desid. Curiosa*, Lib. V. and the Account of Dr. Baro shall have a Place in the Appendix.

About the same Time Dr. White Kennet, Lord Bishop of Peterborough^b, thanks Mr. Baker for the Assistance he gave towards the compiling a large Folio, published by him under the Title of, *A Register and Chronicle Ecclesiastical and Civil*, &c. in 1728, in the following Terms^c.

“ Rev.

^b Well known for his celebrated *Antiquities of Ambrosden and Burchester*, published in 4to. 1695, and many other valuable Pieces, whose Character by Bp. Gibson, may be seen in his Dedication to his Translation of Somner's *Treatise of Gavelkind*, and in the History of the Bp's Life published in 1730.

^c Printed in *Anecdotes of Bowyer*, p. 533.

“ Rev. Sir,

“ I have taken an Opportunity by
 “ my Curate, Mr. Land of Clare Hall, to send
 “ you a tedious, heavy Book for Acceptance, not
 “ a Present, so much as a Debt in Justice due to
 “ you, for lending me so many good Materials,
 “ that your Hand could have put into better Or-
 “ der, with more Correctness.

“ The Volume too large, brings me no Profit,
 “ and I dare say no Credit. In good Truth, the
 “ the Scheme was laid for Conscience Sake, to
 “ restore a good Principle, that History should be
 “ pure Matter of Fact. And when such Matters
 “ are delivered, upon professed Authority for
 “ them, every Reader by examining and compar-
 “ ing, may make out an History by his own
 “ Judgment.

“ I have Collections transcribed for another
 “ Volume, if the Bookseller will run the Hazard
 “ of Printing, which will reach to 1670. If
 “ within that Compass you have any Notes of
 “ like Nature, I desire you to be of the same
 “ communicative Mind; and if you ever submit
 “ to the dull Work, of running over the first
 “ Volume, nothing can oblige me more, than to
 “ be told of my Faults of Commission, or Omis-
 “ sion, that in a second Volume the World may
 “ be honestly informed of them.

“ You will see, I have been too much in a
 “ hurry

“ hurry for a Writer, but without any ill Mean-
 “ ing. I could envy your Recess in a College
 “ Life, where I am sure you are doing true Ser-
 “ vice to Posterity, and (what is greater) there
 “ despise the present World.

“ I have delivered to our good Friend Dr.
 “ Knight, your second Volume of Dr. Calamy’s
 “ Abridgement, with your exact Notes upon it;
 “ and thank you for the Use of that, and many
 “ like Favours, and pray God to give a Blessing
 “ to your Life and Studies.

“ I am

“ Your very much obliged Friend and Brother,
 Wh. Peterbor.

Westminster, Jan. 13, 1728.

Mr. Baker, according to the Bishop’s Request, wrote large Notes upon the above Book, in which is an Extract from the forementioned Letter, indorsed the last Letter I ever received from my honoured Friend the Bp. of Peterborough, who died on 19 Dec. in that Year.

His Friend Dr. Grey received a Letter from him, dated 15 July, 1728, to the following Purport, soon after his leaving Cambridge, and Arrival at Houghton Conquest in Bedfordshire: where as Rector, he usually resided in the Summer Season.

“ Dear

“ Dear Sir,

“ I was glad to hear you and your
“ Lady came safe to Houghton; together with
“ your Letter the Coachman delivered the Book,
“ which though imperfect (as such old Books
“ will commonly be) yet it is a fair Copy, and
“ very valuable, and I thank you for it.

“ I have two or three Books, Duplicates with
“ me, which I believe you may want, when I see
“ you next, they shall be at your Service, as a
“ Debt of Gratitude.

“ I wrote to Dr. Waterland, who (with his
“ Service to you) sends this Answer, ‘ I should be
“ glad to see the Quarto Bible of 1569, I have
“ not seen any such. Dr. Brett mentions an Edi-
“ tion of Archbishop Parker’s that Year, a large
“ 8vo^k. I know no more;’ so you see he will
“ be glad to see your Bible, and having almost
“ finished with Mr. Lewis, the sooner the better.
“ However consult your own convenience.

“ We have no News, all Things continue in
“ the State you left them.

“ I have

^k The Edition here mentioned is of the 4to Size (penes R. M.) but notwithstanding there are eight Leaves in each Sheet, so that the Paper must have been uncommonly large, a particular Account of which may be seen in Mr. Lewis’s History of the English Translations of the Bible at p. 232, 253, although he has omitted to take Notice of the Song of Solomon, which is there filed, The Ballet of Ballettes of Solomon. Dr. Waterland not only assisted Mr. Lewis, in collating for him twelve MSS. of Dr. Wickliffe’s Translation, in the Libraries at Cambridge, but furnished him likewise, with a very curious Account of the other Translations. Monthly Chron. for 1750. p. 110.

“ I have the favour of a Visit from the famous Mr. Vertue, but I shall always make good what I said to you, &c.”

In another Letter to the same.

“ Dear Sir,

“ I have the Favour of your Letter with a Bible for Dr. Waterland. I shall take care to convey it to him this Morning.

“ But I have a greater Favour to thank you for, which I shall say no more of, till I have the Happiness of seeing you at Cambridge. — Speaking of Dr. Waterland, puts me in mind, that his Brother has nonsuited Mr. Kettle this Affize, to the Satisfaction of every Body I have spoke with.

“ Dr. Knight was with me Yesterday in good Health; but poor Dr. Pearson is worse than ever.

“ I have, I thank God, undergone Mr. Lunn’s¹ Operation with Success. Mr. Hearne’s last Book is printed off^m, but I have not yet received it. I shall presume your Consent to
“ sub-

¹ William, an eminent Surgeon at Cambridge, Son of Dr. William Lunn, Archdeacon of Huntingdon and Rector of Elsworth in Cambridgeshire, and Brother to the present worthy Rector, Edward Lunn, A. M. See Hist. C. C. C. p. 343.

^m Vita Ricardi II. a Monacho de Evesham. 1728.

“ subscribe for the next, viz. Annals of Edward
“ the Second ”.

“ Camb. July 24, 1728.”

It appears from Mr. Ballard’s MSS.^o in the Bodleian Library, that he revised Dr. Rawlinson’s History of Eton College; where is likewise an Account of purchasing some of his Books, and of his Additions to Wood’s Athen. Oxon.

He corresponded familiarly with Mr. Anstis, Garter Principal King at Arms, and most probably assisted him in his several Publications, as we may infer from the following friendly Letter.

Heralds Office, 20 Jan. 1729.

“ Rev. Sir,

“ I return you many thanks, for
“ the Information you kindly gave me, of the
“ Provisions made by some Benefactors for their
“ Kindred in your College, and I have got the
“ like Instances in several Colleges beyond Sea,
“ which are regularly observed to this Day, but
“ the Fellows of some Colleges in Oxford, though
“ sworn particularly to the preference of Kins-
“ men in their Oaths upon their first Admissions,
“ contemn that Obligation. I send you the Copy
“ of a Grant to Dr. Caius of Arms, and I wish
“ you

ⁿ Annales Edwardi II. a Johanne de Trokelow. 1729.

^o Vol. II. p. 93.

“ you was in Town to inspect the several Grants
 “ made to Bishops and others, from the Time of
 “ Hen. VII. who have been Members of your
 “ University,

“ Your most obliged Servant,
 “ John Anstis.”

In the Year 1730, Dr. Grey^p received a Letter from Dr. William Baker, Senior Fellow of St. John's College, bearing Date 15 Oct. as follows,

“ Dear Sir,

“ That I am so troublesome a
 “ Correspondent to you, is at present owing to
 “ our good Friend Mr. Baker, who desired me to
 “ convey this Present of a fine Common Prayer
 “ Book for Mr. Willis's new Chapel, by the
 “ Coach that goes from hence, and if you have
 “ an Opportunity, to send it to him, or else let
 “ it remain with you, till he can send for it him-
 “ self^q. He bids me farther to add, that he hath

“ now

^p See an Account of him in Anecdotes of Bowyer, p. 354.

^q It is in Folio, printed in 1662, elegantly bound in blue Morocco, and placed upon the Communion Table of the beautiful Chapel of St. Martin at Penny Stratford in Bucks. built by Subscriptions raised by the unwearied Sollicitations of Mr. Willis, and neither endowed by him, or built at his expence, as erroneously asserted by Mr. Gough, in his British Topograph. p. 189. It was begun in 1724, finished and consecrated on 27 May, 1730. The Ceiling of which, is decorated with the Arms of all the Benefactors who gave 10l. or upwards.

After a serious and respectable Character of this Gentleman, (who died

“ now by him Mr. Strype’s last Volume of Annals in MS. which had you been here, he thinks you was fitter to examine than himself, whether he hath been guilty of making Repetitions, a Fault he is too subject to. It is to remain in his Custody till the last Day of this Month. Dr. Middleton is returned hither, and he and Mr. Robinson, are since gone to Ld. Oxford’s; where I should have been too, if necessary Business had not prevented.

“ Dr. Dickens is at London, but expected here every Day. You must not wonder that we, who are desirous of your good Company, are apt to think you defer your Journey too long.

“ My humble Services wait upon all the good Company, and I am with hearty Wishes for their good Journey home,

“ Dear Dr.

“ Your most affectionate humble Servant,

“ Wm. Baker.”

Dr. Grey,

died on 22 May, 1760) drawn by Dr. Ducarel and others, can any thing be more injudicious than the Addition of Miss Talbot’s Letters characterizing his Daughters: which however pleasing they might have been from one Friend to another, could certainly never have been designed for the Publick; no more than Mr. Cole’s Description of his Dress, published from a Letter of his in Nichols’ Biographical Anecdotes of Bowyer, the former at p. 248, the latter at p. 581. which indeed Mr. C— could never have consented to give, without the greatest Ingratitude to a person, from whom he received such a considerable Emolument, as the Presentation to a valuable Living. But such is the present Mode of Book-making, that it is become a Vehicle for all manner of literary Scandal, even such, as must highly disgrace Compositions, however otherwise respectable.

Dr. Grey, in answer to some *Queries*, received the following Letter from Mr. Baker in the Year 1734,

Dear Sir,

I am glad to hear of your Health, and that you are so well employed in examining Mr. Neale's Book^r. I shall be glad to see the Fruits of your Enquiries, which doubtless would be of use and service to the Publick. Dr. Cowell's Book^s did give Offence, but it was chiefly to the Lawyers, who are jealous of a Civilian, and apprehensive of the Civil Law's prevailing, and gaining too much Ground from Scotland. Blackwood's Book^t, might likewise give Offence, he having wrote against Buchanan. The Book is scarce, and I have it not by me. But he was a Scot; and the same that compiled the Epitaph upon the Queen of Scot's, hung up at Peterborough upon her Shrine; and had the Author then been known to Queen Elizabeth, it might have cost him dear.

Sir

^r Dr. Maddox, afterwards Bp. of Worcester, published Remarks upon Neal's 1st Vol. of the History of the Puritans, and Dr. Grey an Examination of the three others.

^s The Book refer'd to, was his Interpreter, some Positions of which, were much disliked by K. James I, as appears from his Speech to the Parliament, on 26 Mar. 1609. See his Works, p. 528.

^t The Title is, *Adversus Georgii Buchanani Dialogum de Jure Regni apud Scotos pro Regibus Apologia. Per Adamum Blackwoodum Senatorem apud Pictavos, 1558.*

Sir Charles Cornwallis's Book^u I have, but there is no Intimation in it of the Prince's being poyson'd, nor in a MS. of the Bp. of Ely's (Moore's) Library^x, giving a very particular Account of the Prince's Death.

Dr. Richardson^y is said to have died worth 10,000*l.* and only to have left 300*l.* to the College, the rest to two Nephews. His Successor is not yet known, but one of Pembroke Hall, Whalley I think is his Name, is like to be the Man, and being said to be a Man of Worth, I wish him Success.

He had a Correspondence with Mr. Cook, who published an Edition of Hesiod, in the Year 1733, &c. as appears from his Letters, printed in Howard's Collection, at p. 592, and which may be properly inserted here.

Mr. Baker to Mr. Cook.

Camb.

^u Son of Sir Thomas, of Brome in Suffolk, who had been Treasurer to Prince Henry, wrote A Discourse of the most illustrious Henry Prince of Wales, in 1626, which was not printed till 1641, 4to. penes R.M.

^x Printed in *Defid. Curiosa*, Vol. I. Lib. VI. p. 1.

^y Thomas Richardson, S. T. P. elected Master of Peterhouse College, Dec. 9. 1699, who had been Fellow of Emanuel College, Preacher to Gray's Inn, Fellow of Eton College and Prebendary of Ely. He died 1733. An. *Æt.* 79, was interred in the College Chapel, and succeeded by Dr. John Whalley, afterwards Regius Professor of Divinity, who died 12 Dec. 1748, and was buried likewise in the College Chapel.

Camb. Jan. 24, 1733.

“ Worthy Sir,

“ Yesterday, by the Convey-
 “ ance of the Waggon, I received your noble
 “ Present of Books, and take the first Opportu-
 “ nity of returning my Thanks for so great and
 “ undeserved a Favour, and though I have had
 “ little Time to peruse them, yet I have seen
 “ enough already, to know how much I am en-
 “ gaged to you, not only for the Present, but
 “ for the Performance.

“ As I am to thank you for the Books, so am
 “ I next to apologize for the Print, which doubt-
 “ less cost you too dear; I hope you will believe
 “ I had not Vanity enough to countenance such
 “ a Design. When I first heard of it, I did all I
 “ could to suppress it, but it was not in my
 “ Power to hinder them from playing the Fool
 “ with my Face; they might have spent their
 “ Time and Pains better in taking yours, and I
 “ dare say more to their Advantage.

“ I am sorry to hear of your Want of Health,
 “ which I sincerely wish you, as well for your
 “ own Sake, as for the Use of the Publick. I
 “ condole with you for the Death of my Lord
 “ Pembroke, a Loss that will be lamented by all
 “ those, that have any Regard to great Worth
 “ and much Learning.

“ Yours, &c.

“ Tho. Baker.”

To

To Mr. Cook.

Worthy Sir,

What you have heard concerning my Lord Oxford^z and me, I can assure you is a great Mistake. I have that Regard and Honour for his Lordship, that any Book in my Study should be at his Service without Reward; but the Report you mention is altogether Groundless, and without Foundation.

I am glad to hear of Dr. Tancred Robinson's Health, for whom I have the same Esteem he has for me, and much more deservedly; well remembering the great Character he bore in College, when mine was very obscure. Be pleased, Sir, when you see him again, to present my humble Service, and best Wishes for his Health.

I wish you Success in your new Edition of Hesiod, the first Part whereof I have perused with Pleasure, but am not Critic enough, to pretend to make Improvements; which truly, as far as I can judge, it will not want. I am

Yours, &c.

Tho. Baker.

Camb. Jul. 22, 1733.

To

^z Which was, that Lord Oxford had purchased his MSS. In the Biographia Britannica, in a Note in p. 3726, Ld. Oxford is said to have given him an Annuity of 60l. per Ann. and Bp. Burnet to have assisted him in the same Way.

To the same.

I am clearly of Opinion, that it is best for you to retain the Latin Name of Gabriel Faernus^a. But that I might not seem to be opinionative, I consulted a Friend who had been in Italy, and a Year or two at Rome^b, who is of the same Opinion, and thinks if you should Italianize the Name, it would be lost to Men of Letters, to whom he is now so well, and so deservedly known. He never heard of such a Family in Italy, and is not sure, but he might be a German by Birth or Extraction^c.

I am to thank you for your entertaining Account of Mr. Dennis, who with his fine Parts, seems to have been an unfortunate Man. He may have been a Year or two older than entered upon the Books; for it is usual for young Scholars, to give in their Age too low, especially if they be admitted old. I am

Yours, &c.

Tho. Baker.

In another Letter to the same, he thus speaks of the Duke of Somerset. "He was elected Chancellor

^a One of the earliest and most judicious Editors of Terence.

^b Dr. Middleton.

^c He is said by Thuanus to have been of Cremona, Vide Ann. MDLXI.

cellor of this Univerfity, Anno. 1688^d, and has continued Chancellor longer than any one ever did, to the great Honour and Advantage of the Univerfity: to which he has been a noble Benefactor, by giving 500 £ towards the New Building, or Senate Houfe, and 1000 £. by himfelf, or by his Interelt, to our Preſs; beſides Books of a conſiderable Value, Rymer's Fædera 17 Vols. and his Countenance and good Offices at all Times.

Camb. Aug. 23, 1733.

To the ſame.

Worthy Sir,

To your Enquiries I anſwer, Ifaac Newton was admitted into Trinity College under Mr. Pulleyn (the ſame I preſume that was afterwards Greek Profeſſor) Jun. 3, 1661. Art. Bac. 1664, 5. Art. Mr. An. 1668. He was likewise admitted Socius-minor Coll. Trin. Oct. 2. 1667. and Socius-major the Year following. He ſucceeded Dr. Barrow, as Mathematical Profeſſor, Nov. 8, 1669; who, though he was not his Tutor, inſtructed and encouraged him in the Study of Mathematics^c.

Nat.

^c As a grateful Acknowledgement of which, an elegant Marble Statue was erected to his Memory, and placed in the Senate Houſe, ſoon after his Deceafe in 1748; the Inſcription upon which, ſhall have a Place in the Appendix.

^c Mr. Cook wrote Notes upon Sir I. Newton's Chronology.

Nat. Lee (the Poet) was of the same College, (admitted from Westminster School) where I do not find he took any Degree, as his Friend and Collegian Mr. Dryden did; and their being of the same College, might be one Ground of their Friendship and Acquaintance: his End, you know, was deplorable, and much to be lamented, and is therefore to be passed over in Silence.

Ben. Johnson (by Tradition) is claimed by St. John's College, of which House he is generally allowed to have been admitted, even by Mr. Wood; who places him among the Oxford Writers, as having taken a Degree there. We have no Register in the College so antient, and therefore I can say nothing more from the College Monuments. He (Ben. Johnson) is said to have imitated and borrowed from Plautus; and that I presume was the Reason of your Enquiry. Wishing you Success in your Undertaking, I am
Your's, &c.

Tho. Baker.

The learned Mr. Lewis, of Margate, in an Advertisement prefixt to the first Edition of his History of the English Translations of the Bible, says, "The Editor thinks himself obliged to own
"the great Helps he has had from ————
"and the Rev. Thomas Baker, B. D." And his Opinion of Mr. Baker's great Judgment farther appears, from the subsequent Letters to Dr. Grey.
"Mar-

“ Margate, May 7, 1736.

“ Rev. Sir,

“ Your kind Letter of the 30th ult.
 “ came hither, when I was absent on a Journey
 “ to London, to look after finishing at the Press,
 “ a new Edition of this little Island^f; about which
 “ I have been at some Pains and Expence, in re-
 “ viewing and making it somewhat more perfect.
 “ I am afraid Mr. Baker and you are too fa-
 “ vourable in your Judgments of my Papers; I
 “ can bear being told of what is wrong, and am
 “ very sensible how liable I am to blunder and
 “ mistake. For which Reason I dare not trust
 “ myself, and wish therefore you would examine
 “ my Remarks on Neal, with the Eye and Heart
 “ of an Adversary, and exercise your severest Cri-
 “ ticism upon them.

“ My adding a Cut of the Mass Habits, is in-
 “ tended as an Appeal to the Dissenters Senses,
 “ whether our Priestly Habit be like the Papists,
 “ or Ministering Priest of the Church of England,
 “ cannot be distinguished from a Popish Priest^g.

“ The Papers relating to Calamy, I sent to
 “ you, to see what Account I have to give of that
 “ furious

^f The History and Antiquities of the Isle of Tenet first published in 4to. 1723.

^g Being of Scarlet, the same with the Doctors' Habit in Oxford, and worn over the Rochet or Lawn Sleeves in K. Edward's Time, but changed into Black in Q. Elizabeth's Reign, and so has continued ever since.

“ furious Fanatic Culmer^s. Calamy died just as
 “ they were finished. For which Reason I have
 “ kept them by me ever since; and intend so to
 “ keep them^h. I should never forgive myself,
 “ should I act by him, and insult his Ashes, as
 “ he has done those of that learned and honest
 “ Man Dr. Bennetⁱ.

“ I don’t know whether any of our Booksellers
 “ will care to print my Remarks. I’m a Man of
 “ no Reputation: and that commonly recom-
 “ mends a Book, as much as the Matter, and
 “ sometimes more. — My humble Service to the
 “ good Mr. Baker.

“ P. S. If it be not too much to ask, I should
 “ be glad of a Copy of Caxton’s Preface to his
 “ Chronicle, to be sent with my Papers.”

In another of June 3, 1736.

“ Rev. Sir,

“ Soon after the receipt of your’s
 “ of the 20th, I received my Papers also, which I
 “ have reviewed and made some Additions to.

“ As

^s He was Minister of Harbledown in Kent, and one of the most
 furious of those Times. See Wood’s Athen. Oxon. Vol. I. p. 863.
 and Wharton’s Note in ABp. Laud’s Trial and Troubles, p. 344.

^h See Calamy’s Reflections upon Mr. Lewis in his Preface to the
 Abridgment of Baxter’s Life, p. 10, 11.

ⁱ See his Remarks upon Dr. Bennet’s Essay on the XXXIX Artis-
 cles, in App. to his Continuation, Vol. IV. 1727. p. 97.

“ As to Mr. Baker’s Notes concerning a Mi-
 “ stake of the ABp’s, p. 599, of his State, &c. I
 “ fancy I have corrected it in my Papers.

“ His Grace has quoted in his Margin, an An-
 “ swer for the Time, &c. for Words which are in
 “ the Examination, for the Time, &c. The Au-
 “ thor of which is supposed to be ABp. Parker,
 “ who certainly does say, that the 33d Article of
 “ 1552, ‘ are the Words,’ which the whole Sy-
 “ nod were well pleased withal, and thereunto all
 “ the Clergy’s Hands were set; and in the Mar-
 “ gin is added, a Hand pointing to the Words,
 “ whosoever through his private Judgment, &c.’
 “ and underneath, ‘ the Articles agreed in the last
 “ Synod.’ That these Expressions cannot refer to
 “ the Synod of 1562, seems plain from what
 “ goes before, where this Article is called, ‘ The
 “ Determination of the Church of England,
 “ agreed upon in King Edwardes Dayes.’

“ My Papers in Vindication of myself from the
 “ ill Usage of Dr. Calamy, I still think I should
 “ not publish, for the Reasons given p. 4, 5, of
 “ the Examination of Dr. Chandler’s History.

“ I have seen an Advertisement of ‘ A full
 “ View of the Transactions in the Reign of Q.
 “ Elizabeth, in two Volumes, by Dr. Forbes.’
 “ Pray who is Dr. Forbes? and what Character
 “ does the View bear? —

“ When you see Mr. Baker, pray present my
 “ hum-

“ humble Service to him, and shew him the In-
 “ scription underneath. It is on a Tombstone
 “ in the Chapel of Dover Castle, perhaps he may
 “ know who CREONE was.

C. ET. PETRVS. DE. CREONE.

IE. PRO. ANIMA. EIVS. —

“ Mr. Baker says he can shew by unexception-
 “ able Authority, that the Catechism, &c. was
 “ written by Bp. Poynt, I wish he would be so
 “ good as to send me that Authority.

“ ABp. Parker calls the Chimere, Crimere.
 “ Perhaps Mr. Baker can tell the original Design
 “ of it.”

Mr. Baker's Answers to the foregoing Queries,
 as entered upon the Backside of the Letter, were;

“ The famous John Bale, who was sometime
 Chaplain to Bp. Poinet, and lived in the Family,
 in his Scriptorum Britanniae Centuria octava.
 N. XCII. p. 694. has these Words, Joannes Po-
 nectus memoriae commendavit (inter caetera) Ca-
 techismum Latinum ad Regem, Lib. I. Cum bre-
 vis Explicatio Catechismi, &c. which are the first
 Words of the Catechism, and Bale's usual Way
 of describing Books and Authors.

The full View of the Transactions of Q. Eliz.
 Reign, I have not yet seen. Dr. Forbes is LL.D.
 and

and his Book well recommended by the Faculty at Edinburgh¹.

I know nothing of Peter de Creone."

In the Year 1736, Dr. Grey received the following Letter from Mr. Baker.

" Dear Sir,

" I bless God I am pretty well re-
" covered of my troublesome Indisposition, though
" not without Apprehensions of a Relapse.

" I wish you and your Lady much better
" Health than I can hope to enjoy at this Age,
" and therefore I must always think them happy
" that can die in good Time.

" The last Sunday in the Vestry of St. Marie's,
" the Vicechancellor (Dr. Adams, Master of Sid-
" ney College) proposed a Degree for the Gentle-
" man you have so often spoke of (Dr. Lether-
" land) but it did not then pass the Heads. No-
" thing was said of Dr. Bedford^m.

" I am

¹ Dr. William Robertson, in his Preface to the History of Scotland, during the Reigns of Q. Mary and James VI. says, That vast and curious Collection of Papers, relating to the Reign of Q. Elizabeth, made by Dr. Forles, and of which he published only two Volumes, has been purchased since his Death by the Lord Viscount Royston, now Earl of Hardwick, who has been so good as to allow me the Use of fourteen Volumes in Quarto, containing that Part of them, which is connected with my Subject.

^m William, Son of Mr. Hilkiah Bedford abovementioned, had a Mandate Degree of M. D. conferred upon him in 1737. He was a Physician

“ I am glad you wrote to the Vicechancellor,
“ whatever he sends to me I shall take care of.”

Dr. Grey received the following Letter from
Mr. West in 1738.

“ Rev. Sir,

“ My first Duty is, to return you
“ my most hearty Thanks for the many Favours
“ I received at Cambridge, for which I shall ever
“ retain the most grateful Sense.

“ The Proclamation printed by Authority, is
“ literally the same with yours, that you have
“ obliged the World with.

“ My Lord Oxford desired to return his Com-
“ pliments and Thanks, and to assure you of his
“ Esteem.

“ I have looked into my Edition of Taverner’s
“ Bible, which I find is printed in 1539, the
“ same Year Mr. Baker’s Copy was, of which I
“ beg the Favour of you to acquaint him.

“ I thought myself not entitled to trespass so
“ much on his Time, which is always usefully
“ employed, to trouble him about a Mistake of
“ my own, which was owing to the Copy I have,
“ being so fair and perfect, that I concluded it to
“ be a later Impression.

“ If

Physician well esteemed in London; and I apprehend one of the
Physicians to St. Thomas’s Hospital.

“ If the worthy Vicechancellor^a is going on
 “ with his Intention of continuing Godwyn de
 “ Præfulibus; I am desired by Lord Oxford to
 “ assure him, that he may command out of his
 “ Library the MS. Additions made by Mr. Cam-
 “ den, Anthony Wood, and Bp. Wren.

“ My Respects attend him. — I know not
 “ how to excuse myself for giving you this Fa-
 “ tigue; and must throw it all on your great
 “ Humanity to forgive, and to permit me to be
 “ with great Truth,

“ Rev. and honoured Sir,

“ Your most obliged and most obedient Servant,
 “ James West.

Lincoln's Inn, Apr. 19, 1738.

In a Letter of Mr. Baker to Dr. Grey, (in the
 Year 1738 or 9) he speaks of Mr. Peck's Books
 in the following Terms.

Dear Sir,

Your Messenger calling upon me in
 the dark, and my Eyes not well bearing a Can-
 dle, I doubt I shall send you a short and imper-
 fect Answer.

I am glad you have heard from Mr. Peck; you
 are very kind in subscribing for his Books; That
 is

^a Dr. William Richardson, Master of Emanuel College, who pub-
 lished a pompous Edition of that Work in Folio in 1713.

is as much as I can do, or he will expect from me, who am a perfect Recluse, and see nobody but at Chapel. He seems to have met with good Encouragement, the Speaker having given him leave to dedicate one of his Books to him^o, and Mr. Benson for the otherⁿ. These are Men of Interest, and will I hope enable him to go through with his Books.

I should have been glad to have seen you at Cambridge, but we must all give Way to Business, so I wish you Success in your Tithes.

And the last Letter he ever received from him was dated from Cambridge, Feb. 9, 1739, thanking him for a kind Present of Mountain Wine, which he had just received by the Carrier from London, with a Letter from the Merchant, signifying from whom it came. “Had he said no-
“ thing, I should have presumed it to have come
“ from my best Friend, of whose overflowing
“ Kindness, I have had such Experience already,
“ without any other Return than dry and barren
“ Thanks. That Return I must make at present,
“ and with my humble Service to your Lady,
“ wishing her and you Health in this severe and
“ trying Weather, I am, &c.”

Mr.

* New Memoirs of the Life and Poetical Works of Mr. John Milton, dedicated to the right honourable Arthur Onslow Esq, Speaker of the House of Commons in 4to, 1740.

† Memoirs of the Life and Actions of Oliver Cromwell, dedicated to Mr. Auditor Benson, 4to, 1740.

Mr. Baker now began to find himself declining apace, and therefore thought it adviseable to make his Will on 15th of October 1739, wherein he obligingly remembered many of his Friends, besides his valuable Legacies to the Lord Oxford, his College, and the University of Cambridge. On which Account, as well as for the religious and pious Strain in which it is drawn up, it deserves a Place in the Appendix.

He did not long survive this, but died on 2d July, 1740, of a Paralytic Stroke, much lamented by his Friends; as will appear, from the few following Extracts of Letters on that Occasion to Dr. Grey.

Camb. Jan. 29, 1740.

Dear Sir,

I have just Time to acquaint you, that our worthy Friend Mr. Baker, was yesterday seized with a Paralytic Disorder, which has been increasing ever since, and it is the Opinion of every Body, that he cannot be of long Continuance. I thought this Advertisement due to you, as you will be so great a Sharer in the common Concern. I am Dear Sir,

Your most obedient and most obliged

humble Servant,

James Tunstall¹.

Mr.

¹ He was Fellow and Tutor of St. John's College, Orator of the University, and afterwards Chaplain to the ABp. of Canterbury.

Mr. Burton, Mr. Baker's Cousin, is here with his Nephew Mr. Baker, who was admitted Fellow Commoner the Day before this Disaster happened.

And the late very worthy Dr. William Warren, President of Trinity Hall, thus expresses himself in a Letter likewise to Dr. Grey on that Occasion.

Dear Sir,

" I presume you have already heard of Sir John Hatton's Death^r; but perhaps it may be News to you to be told, that on Wednesday last, the Reverend, learned, pious, conscientious, and judicious Antiquary, Thomas Baker, B. D, departed this Life in his own Chamber. He was found lying on the Floor, in a Paralytical Disorder, two or three Days before he died."

Trin. Hall, July 4, 1740.

Dr. Sam. Knight, Archdeacon of Berkshire, and Prebendary of Ely, thus speaks of him in a Letter to the same of Sep 4, 1741.

" I much lament (as I am sure you do) the Loss of our worthy Friend Mr. Baker. This alone will render Cambridge less agreeable to you."

He bequeathed by Will to his Friend Dr. Grey, his
Pictures

PICTURES and PRINTS unbequeathed, which upon the Doctor's enquiring after, gave Occasion to the following Letter from Dr. Williams.

Dear Sir,

“ You receive with this, the Catalogue which you desired; I believe one of the Anonymous is Dr. Corbett, which is bequeathed to Dr. Dickens for his College. There are several loose unframed Prints, and two Books of Prints. Mr. Richd. Burton desires your Opinion, whether you think these fall within the Construction of that Clause, that relates to you, being determined to execute his Uncle's Will, to the best of his Knowledge and Information.” Dr. Grey had likewise written to Mr. Burton, a Letter of consolatory Compliments upon this Occasion, to which he received the subsequent Answer.

Rev. Sir,

“ Your Letter of Condolence upon the Death of my Uncle is extremely kind, in whom I have not only lost a most obliging Friend and near Relation, but must bear a Share also of the Loss sustained by the Publick.

Should any such Papers as you enquire after, come to my Hands, they shall certainly be communicated to you: but I am inclined to think,

that most of Value are disposed of with his Manuscript Collections, which seem to be stuffed with loose Papers and Letters. Of these XXIII Volumes Folio are bequeathed to Lord Oxford, XV Folios and III Quarto Volumes to the University Library*, to the College Library, all such Books, printed or Manuscript, as he had, and were wanting there. From whence the College seems to claim every Book in my Uncle's Study, of which they have not the same Edition, which in my Opinion is extending the Words a little too far: but I never heard that they claimed any Prints, in which I apprehend you have mistaken Dr. Williams meaning: Prints bound we look upon to be out of the Question. The loose Prints which I found in a Box, are what are reckoned doubtful, for the Words, all Prints undisposed of, are very express, yet I think the following Words for the Ornament of his House, seem to assign the Use; but in this you shall be your own Chancellor, nor will I seek or accept of any Other, and they shall be all ready to be delivered to your Orders at your own Time; for they are no sort of Trouble or Inconvenience to me where they are. Your kind Offer of a Copy of my Uncle's Picture, I thank-
fully

* A Grace for the proper Disposal of which, and for the placing his Name in the Commemoration Book amongst the Benefactors to the Publick Library, was passed in the Senate on 30 Dec, 1740, which shall have a Place in the Appendix.

fully accepted, and accordingly employed Mr. Ritz to go to work upon it, but I find some Difficulty in coming at the Picture, &c.

Your most faithful humble Servant,

R. Burton.

Camb. July 19, 1740.

P. S. If you know any Instances of Legacies left to the College, and how they have been determined, or have at any Time heard my Uncle declare his Desire therein, I shall be very thankful for an Account of what you have heard. My View in disputing any Clause of the Will, being only to come at the Knowledge of his Intention, and to pursue that wherever I can find it.

In another of 5th Aug.

————— “ He complains, that the College Legacy still kept him closely confined there, though he should be very glad to be released, having such a whimsical crazy Constitution to deal with, that it was dangerous to trust himself so far from Home, when the Winter approaches.”

After Mr. Burton's return Home he had again Occasion to write to Dr. Grey, concerning the disposal and Value of Mr. Baker's Books, which
Mr.

* See this Letter more at large in Anecdotes of Bowyer, p.617.

Mr. George Baker had some Disposition to purchase and preserve in Memory of his Uncle, but was then obliged to make use of another Hand, having no use of his own, it having been for a Month or more bound fast in Misery and Flannel, and adds, as soon as I am able to write, I will desire Dr. Williams to look out Spelman's Glossary, which you will give me leave to beg a Place for in your Study, where I shall be proud to have it preserved, as a Memorial of our common Friend, and a mark of that Esteem with which I am

Your most faithful and obliged humble Servant,
Rich. Burton.

Elamore Hall, Jan. 17, 1740.

This worthy Gentleman died not long after, as appears by a Letter of Dr. Williams dated Mar. 4, 1740.

Mr. Burton Mr. Baker's Nephew died at Durham about ten Days ago, and if you will return the Catalogue of Mr. Baker's Books by Mr. H— with your Opinion of the Value, it may be of Service to Mr. G. Baker, who I believe will purchase them of Mr. Burton's Administrator, for it is feared he died Intestate" —
When Dr. Grey was collecting Materials for an
Account

"The residue of the Books, that were not put into the College Library, came into the Hands of Mr. Thurlbourne, Bookseller at Durham, and were sold there by Auction

Account of Mr. Baker, he got some Friends to apply to Dr. Bedford^{*} for that purpose, who accordingly favoured him with the following Particulars in a Letter of 27 July, 1755. —

“ Dr. Sharp, at the Desire of your Brother at Newcastle, applied to me for any Particulars which I might have concerning Mr. Baker. Dr. Hunter also shewed a Letter from you to the same Effect.

I acquainted him with every Body I could think had any thing, and am a good deal surprized that Mr. Crow should have nothing material, for he married one of Mr. Burton's Sisters, and immediately was possessed of every thing at Mr. Burton's Death, he dying intestate. I will now give you an Account of Mr. Baker's Death, being at that Time at Cambridge; and attended him with Dr. Heberden. “ In the Afternoon being alone in his Chamber, he was struck with a slight apoplectick Fit, which abating a little, he recovered his Senses, knew all about him[†], and seemed perfectly satisfied and resigned. When the Doctors desired him to take some Medicine they should order, he declined it, saying, he would only take his usual Sustainance, which his Bed-maker knew the Time and Quantity of giving; he was thankful for the affectionate Care his Friends

^{*} A Physician at Durham, a Relation, and formerly of the College.

[†] His Nephew Burton, Drs. Bedford and Heberden,

Friends shewed towards him, but hoped the Time of his Dissolution was at hand, and would by no Means endeavour to retard it. His Disorder increased, and the third Day from the Seizure he departed^y. His accustomed Regularity, and abstemious Way of Living, had, one would have imagined, been a Security from a Disorder of this Nature, though when perhaps it did come, rendered him the less able to struggle with it. But it happened at the very Time, his great Nephew the present Mr. Baker, of Crook, was just come from Eton School to be admitted at St. John's. Upon which Occasion, besides the great Joy he expressed in seeing him, he frequented Company more than usual, and had Entertainments in his own Chambers (what he very rarely practiced on any Account) so that this unusual Hurry, destroyed that *Æquilibrium* of Spirits, his wonted Tranquility kept up; and like any other violent Excess, proved too much for him to bear.

I recollect it always as one of the most fortunate Incidents of my Life; that I happened to be thrown in the Way at this Time, both as I had an Opportunity of seeing my much honoured and great Friend in his last Minutes, as also of having an Occasion of exerting myself in his

^y A more particular Account of his Illness and Death obligingly communicated by Dr. Heberden, will be inserted in the Appendix.

his Service, who when I was a Student, had left no Act of Friendship or Relation undone towards me. Next, I am extremely glad of this farther and publick Opportunity of owning the great Obligations and Honour I had, in being known to, and in my youth regarded by so great and learned a Man, so kind and an affectionate a Relation. — In a subsequent Letter of 28th September following, he farther acquaints him that Mr. Crow says, “he has no Letters, &c. among Mr. Baker’s Papers relating to him at all. That he had some he let Mr. Smith, of Burne Hall see, but they being as was thought, of no Account, were destroyed in Mr. Burton’s House, where they were used by the Servants as waste Paper. Two Things Mr. Crow has, one the Deed to the College concerning the Exhibitions, of which the College must have a Counterpart. The other the Instrument, drawn for creating our Friend, Chaplain to Lord Crewe; and what is remarkable in it, ’tis in the Month and Year of the Revolution, and I suppose rejected by him, for the Day is left blank, and the whole not subscribed by his Lordship.

Dr. Grey wrote also to Mr. Geo. Baker, to make the like Enquiries, to which he received the following Answer. “Sometime since I did myself the Pleasure of answering your obliging Letter, and am sorry to find it has not reached
your

your Hands. In it I acquainted you that I have made diligent Search after the Effects and Papers my Uncle left, but can find none, as I believe they were all consumed after Mr. Burton's Death, by an Accident, when in his Brother Crow's Custody, so that I am afraid, I can give you no Light whatsoever of his Correspondence or Life. I am greatly obliged to you for your kind Intention of perpetuating the Memory of my Uncle, and am
Yours, &c.

Sep. 18, 1755.

George Baker.

In relation to a Monument, Mr. B—— says positively, that the old Gentleman forbade any such to be erected in his Will. The words of the Will however are only “as to my Funeral I am not solicitous; I desire nothing but Christian Burial,” so that a plain Stone, with a short and modest Inscription at the least, might have been laid over him, either by his Relations, or the College, with the greatest Propriety, and had his Executor Mr. Burton, survived him long, it is probable from his Character, that a decent Monument to his Uncle's Memory, which he much revered, would not have been neglected. The latter part of Bp. Scougal's Character upon his Monument, would have exactly suited that of Mr. Baker.

— Omui Eloquio dignus, utpote pie pacificus,
o
modeste

modeste prudens, Eruditæ probitatis decus et exemplar: nec morosè gravis, nec superbè doctus^a.

And I cannot help adding, that I think its having been not hitherto done, shews a Want of proper respect to his Memory; as in a very few Years the Place of his Interment, (on the North Side of the Antechapel, near the Monument of Archdeacon Asheton, on whose Foundation, he had been both Scholar and Fellow) may be forgotten, although his Name never can, whilst any of the many Works of Literature, he assisted in communicating to the Publick, shall remain^a.

He died on the second Day of July, in 1740, in the 84th Year of his Age, and was attended by the Society, as usual, at his Funeral soon after: when an Oration was made over him by Mr. Clarke one of the Fellows^b; wherein the Loss of so valuable a Person to the Republick of Letters, the University and College was justly lamented.

The following Account of him in a printed Paper drawn up by a Member of the College, and

^a Monteith's Theatre of Mortality, p. 80.

^a And that it could not be his Intention to forbid any kind of a Monument, I think farther appears, from his having erected one in the Chancel of the Great Church of Kingston upon Hull, to the Memory of his Grandfather Sir George Baker above mentioned, at no small Expence; whose Remains, deserving as he was of a better Fate, laid there unregarded above forty Years. Upon this he placed an Inscription given at length in the Append. See Gent's Hist. of Kingston, p. 23.

^b See a full Account of this Ceremony, by Mr. Wm. Cole of King's College, in a Letter to Dr. Grey in the Append.

and prefixed to the Books given by him to the Library, may serve instead of a Monument.

Biblioth: Coll: Div. Johan. Cant.

Ex dono

Viri Reverendi Thomæ Baker, S.T.B.

Qui olim fuerat hujus Collegii Socius,
Postea vero, ex Senatus Consulto ejectus,

In his Ædibus Hospes consenuit,

Vitæ integritate et fama,

Quam ex Antiquitatis studio consecutus erat
celeberrimus.

Nothing now remains, but before I conclude these Memoirs, to speak somewhat of the Character of the worthy Subject of them, as well as of the Friends with whom he was immediately connected in the University, in the latter part of his Life.

Dr. Warburton, afterwards Bp. of Gloucester, who was not disposed to flatter any one, thus speaks of him, " Good old Mr. Baker of St. John's has indeed been very obliging. The People of St. John's almost adore the Man; for as there is much in him to esteem, much to pity, and nothing (but his Virtue and Learning) to envy, he has all the Justice at present done him, that few people of Merit have till they are dead".

And

* See Warburtoniana, in Maty's new Review. p. 144.

And Dr. I. Green late Bp. of Lincoln, who lived many Years with him in the same College, in a Letter to the Editor, says, “ that although he had
 “ no Intercourse with him, yet he had a general
 “ Knowledge of his great Civility, his gentle and
 “ affable Behaviour to all, and that masterly Skill
 “ in all matters of Antiquity, for which he was
 “ so much celebrated and consulted.

He was, I am informed, by one who knew him well, of an easy and polite Address, inso-much that he might have been thought to have been educated in a Court, had not his Sincerity been such, that it might reasonably be judged he never saw one, and of consequence avoided all the Inconveniences of such a kind of Life.

His Conversation was lively and yet grave, chearful and yet serious: something instructive and agreeable was ever dropping from his Lips, but nothing trifling or censorious, was ever known to proceed thence.

As his Studies were employed both in Divinity and Humanity, and he withal made Christianity his constant Practice, that which had taken firm Possession of his heart, occasionally flowed from his Mouth; and as every one was satisfied of his invincible Integrity, the useful Hints suggested in common Conversation had a suitable Influence upon their Minds: Inso-much that every one who had the Pleasure of his Company, must be highly

ly satisfied with the Man, and go out of it, a better Man himself.

And when he formerly appeared in the Pulpit, the Sentiments of an honest Heart, recommended by good Sense, Learning and a graceful Address, could not fail of having a proper Effect upon every candid and unprejudiced Hearer.

As to his Literature, the Compilers of the Biograph. Britan. in their Preface thus speak of him, after mentioning Wood's Athenæ Oxon. &c. It was once hoped we should have seen the like Attention shewn, towards the learned Men educated at Cambridge, and had the Work been executed, as it was at first designed, by the late reverend and excellent Mr. Baker, it must have been a masterly Performance, since, with all the Care and Industry of Wood, he had a fine Genius, and wrote a most correct Style; equally removed from the starched Setness of a sententious Writer, and from that luxuriancy that produces long and languid Periods. But besides all these, he had still greater Qualities, such as Calmness of Mind, Candour of Heart, and a most unsuspected Integrity. We may justly therefore regret the Loss of such a Work, from such a Man.

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His Life was in every respect irreproachable, his Conversation entertaining and improving; his Manner extremely agreeable; his Countenance
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pleasing and venerable ! and whenever he vouchsafed to speak upon any Subject, within the compass of his Knowledge (and he never went out of it) it was sure to lose no Advantage thereby. With so many excellent Qualifications and Advantages, there were no Shades in his Character, but what tended rather to add greater Beauty to the whole. Some who studied Politicks more than Casuistry, might possibly call the exactness of his Judgment in question, in respect to his strong Attachments to the Party he had made choice of; but even that must raise our Idea of his inflexible Goodness and Integrity.

He lived in Times, when the Notions of Regal Power, were raised much above those of our present Constitution ; and as Politicks were never his favourite Study, he only considered the sacredness of an Oath (as many worthy Men among his Fellow-sufferers did in like Manner) which in general it is certain, will admit of no Sort of Dispensation, and the detestable Sin of Perjury, with all its dreadful Consequences ; and being bound to that deluded and unfortunate Prince, K. James, by an Oath, which in his Judgment appeared to be indispensable, when the Revolution was brought about, in adherence to his former Principles, which would not permit him to transfer his Allegiance, he relinquished, not only his Living in the Bishoprick of Durham, but

with it all his future Prospects in Life, which from his Situation must have been very great, to secure a quiet Conscience in a peaceable Retirement from the World: the strongest Instance he could possibly give of his Sincerity, whatever it may be thought, of his Prudence and Discretion.

With this civil Mistake (for which every candid Person will be disposed to make all reasonable Allowance) he was not in the least inclined to another of an Ecclesiastical kind; nor do I believe he would have been that Way disposed, had he continued in full Power with his Diocesan.

The late reverend and learned Mr William Whiston, in his *Memoirs*^d assures us, that Bp. Lloyd told him, “ that after the Assassination Plot in 1696, the Odium of which was so great, that not a Jacobite would have remained in the Nation, had not the extreme Rigour of the following Act, against those that would not sign an Association, kept up the Spirit of Opposition to the Government ever afterward; which puts me in mind of the like case of two of the Non-jurors of St. John’s College, Cambridge, Mr. Billers and Mr. Baker, who loved their Religion and their Country, as well as any Jurors whatever: but having once taken an Oath to K. James, could not satisfy their Consciences in breaking it, whilst he lived, for any Consideration whatever.

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These two were long my particular Acquaintance : and I well remember, that when K. James died, they began to deliberate about taking the Oaths and coming into the Government, till the Abjuration Oath, unfortunately in that respect, was to be taken."

And this same Mr. Whiston (to whose Testimony a much greater regard is to be had than to his Judgment,) when he had once espoused an Opinion, was so sanguine (although probably at the same Time sincere) that he imagined all Friends who did not contradict him, were in the same Way of thinking with himself : had published a small Tract, in Vindication of the Genuineness of the Apostolical Constitutions, which although containing many excellent Things, conformable to the Doctrines of the Apostles and Opinions of their Successors, yet at the same Time are intermixt with many Heretical Interpolations, of much later Date than he assigns them. And here he has introduced Mr. Billers and Mr. Baker (in Company indeed with ABp. Sharpe, Bps. Smallridge, Hoadly, Bradford, &c.) as being of the same Opinion, as may be seen more at large in his Memoirs, they having been amongst the Friends he most familiarly conversed with at Cambridge, whilst he was examining the Primitive Faith and the Apostolical Constitutions. Now this Intimacy with these two Gentle-

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men, gave Occasion to a Report, that they were of his Opinion, as appears from a Letter of Mr. Baker to Mr. Whiston^e of 29th Nov, 1710, to the following Purport. “ Dr. O——^f makes a Noise
“ in the Coffee Houses, that you had given out,
“ that Mr. Billers and I, were of your Opinion,
“ which though I don’t believe, having always
“ reserved myself, till I saw the Strength of what
“ could be said in your Books and the Answers,
“ yet it makes as much Noise as if it was true.

“ I am dear Sir,

“ Your most obedient humble Servant

“ Thomas Baker.”

This I think fully clears Mr. Baker’s and Mr. Billers’s Characters on this Head, who could not be hindered, as he suspects many others were, by worldly Motives, from declaring their Opinions.

He published not many Books himself indeed, yet those he did publish, shew a masterly Hand, and are truly valuable. But his principal Labour was bestowed in doing honour to his Country; by searching out its most valuable Antiquities; in which he made such a Progress and so much excelled, that many learned Men, who were well able to judge of his Abilities, willingly offered him that tribute of Praise, so justly due to his Merit.

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^e See the Life of Dr. Clarke, p. 22, 3.

^f Probably Dr. Otway, Fellow of St. John’s College.

By his great Knowledge in English History and Antiquities, he was enabled to enlighten the darkeſt and moſt obſcure Paſſages in both, as hath appeared from many Parts of the foregoing Memoirs. But nothing could better manifeſt his great Reading, extenſive Knowledge and accurate Judgment, than the large and curious Obſervations he made upon thoſe Books he vouchſafed to read with Attention^s, and which are by that Means become truly valuable. And ſuch are thoſe more eſpecially bequeathed by Will to the University, and private Friends, all noted with his own Hand. A Collection, extracted from which, by a Perſon of Judgment might probably be of great Uſe to the Publick, and it is hoped will ſome Time or other be accordingly made. Theſe, with the large MS. Collections he left behind him (a Catalogue of which, copied in part from Dr. Middleton's, will be hereunto annexed) ſhew what great Things may be accompliſhed, by a Perſon of Induſtry and Application, during a long Life, and how every portion of his Time may be employed in uſeful Enquiries.

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* In a Note by T. F. in the Anecdotes of Bowyer, Mr. Baker's Obſervations in his Books are repreſented as trifling, and that too from his not having wrote Notes on Taylor's Lyſias, whereas his Notes were generally of a Biographical Nature, and related either to the Life of the Author, or ſome Account of the Book; and theſe too, if I am not miſtaken much to the Purpoſe, as may be ſeen in thoſe prefixed to Smith's Catal. Libror. MSS. Biblioth. Cotton. in the Append. inſerted there with ſome others as a Specimen, to obviate this Objection.

I have already mentioned his Act of parental Piety, in erecting a Monument to the Memory of his Grandfather: nor was he less inclinable to general Acts of Charity and Beneficence: as far as his slender Income would enable him. His particular Regard to his own College, was fully manifested in the following Instances.

Being appointed one of the Executors of his eldest Brother's Will, whereby a large Sum was bequeathed to charitable Uses, he prevailed with the other Trustees, the Hon. Charles Montague, of Esington, in the County of Northumberland, Esquire, and Francis Baker, of Whicham, in the Bishoprick of Durham, Gent. to lay out 1310 £. (and it is supposed he added something of his own) in the Purchase of an Estate, to be vested in the College, for the Maintenance of Scholars therein. The Indenture for these Exhibitions bears Date 5 May, 1710. The Number of them is six, and the right of disposal of them was reserved to himself during his Life, and afterwards vested in the Master and the eight senior Fellows of the College.

He likewise gave an Hundred Pounds to the College, reserving only the usual Interest, at the Time he gave it, to himself for Life, with several choice Books both MS. and printed, with Coins and Medals to the Library, besides those he bequeathed by his Will, which were not a few:
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and most of those rendered very valuable, for his Notes and Observations upon them.

He was also, it is said, greatly instrumental in raising the Sum of 200*£*. for procuring Queen Ann's Bounty, towards the Augmentation of the Living of his native Parish of Lanchester, which he thought stood in need of such an Addition.

Nor was his Charity in other Respects less remarkable; he was of so benevolent a Disposition, that he judged favourably of every one, till he found sufficient Reason for altering his Opinion. And so far was he from treating any Man with Contempt and Insolence, or injuring any one's Reputation, that he chose willingly to allow him a greater degree of Esteem, than he could fairly claim, rather than deny him any Part of the Respect that was really his due.

And though, as we observed before, the Loss of his Fellowship gave him real Concern, and his Circumstances, before but strait, were thereby much reduced, yet he still retained a chearful Disposition, and the Principles of Christianity were so thoroughly implanted in his Mind, that the Loss of no earthly Thing, could rob him of that Contentment and Consolation, a quiet Conscience affords. He was always uniformly disposed to conform to the Allotments of Providence, whether prosperous, as at the beginning of Life, or adverse, as towards the latter end, and not

more desirous of improving the one, to the Honour of the Donor, than of patiently acquiescing under the other, to testify his Submission.

And such was his Attachment to Religion, and its several Offices (at which he regularly attended whilst able) that I doubt not he made it his constant Care, and the chief Business of his Life, to prepare for Death; which, had he not been seized with a Disorder, that deprived him in some Measure of his Senses, would have appeared, in a far different Light to him than to the generality of Mankind; and though Nature might have been disposed to recoil, yet would he, as indeed he did, without the least Alarm submit, with the greatest Calmness and Composure.

A man thus humane, courteous and beneficent: ever disposed to live in Harmony and Unanimity with others, cannot well be supposed to have had many Enemies, since it must have been difficult for them to have found any Occasion of Quarrel, and therefore he was the most likely Man living to enjoy Peace and Quiet, whilst others were embroiled; yet when others broke their Words with, or attempted to deceive him, he could not help shewing some degree of Resentment. So remarkably punctual was he to his Word and Promise, that he was not a little hurt at the Want of it in others. His Hours of
 Repose

Repose and Refreshment were so regular, and his Attachment to his Studies such (all the Residue of his Time being so employed) that any Interruptions therein were very displeasing. No Man paid a greater regard to real Merit, whenever he became acquainted with it, but he was not given to flatter those whose Pride taught them to form high Conceits of their superiour Abilities, and so were disposed to look upon that as a Neglect, which was never intended as such; to whom an Omission in a Punctilio of Respect, is a high Provocation, and a Crime scarcely to be forgiven. Persons of this Character he industriously avoided, and therefore it is not to be wondered at, they should be dissatisfied with him^b.

In short, such were Mr. Baker's Talents and his modest Opinion of himself, that I cannot better conclude his Character, than in the Words of Mr. Nelson upon Bp. Bull, none being more suitable and expressive of it.

“ Amidst

^b Mr. Baker was generally allowed to be one of the most exact Copiers of original Papers, and yet I find Mr. Bennet, the late Editor of Mr. Ascham's English Works, after the Obligations he was under to him, for preserving some of his Letters to private Friends, which he had transcribed into his 16th Vol. p. 275, is pleased to observe in a Note at the bottom of p. 369, that these Letters are unskilfully transcribed, so that proper “Names are not always recoverable.” Whereas their being copied from the Original according to the old Way of spelling, is what I presume has offended our modern Editor, although therein consist their greatest Merit. His Note upon Touch of Crest in the following Page seems to be very trifling, since the Writer's meaning seems to be only, that the Bird could swallow a Penny Loaf without any trouble, or shaking of his Crest. See beginning of Vol. I.

“ Amidst all those extraordinary Talents, with which God had blessed him, it never appeared that he ever valued himself, or despised others. For though his natural Endowments were of no ordinary Size, and were wonderfully improved by Study and Application, his great Learning was tempered with that modest and humble Opinion of it, that it thereby shined with greater Lustreⁱ. ”

His Picture was purchased out of Lord Oxford's Collection, by Dr. Rawlinson, and placed by him in the Picture Gallery at Oxford. Charles Bridges, pinxit memoriter, and a Mezzotinto Print was done from it by J. Simon. And Mr. Virtue on going to Cambridge, had been privately engaged to draw by stealth, the Portrait of old Mr. Tho. Baker, of St. John's then an eminent Antiquary, earlier in his Life the modest Author of that ingenious and polished little piece, *Reflections on Learning*^k.

I shall now proceed to say something of his Friends and Acquaintance in the University, more particularly of those of the latter Part of his Life, being not so well acquainted with those in the former. And at the Head of these may justly be placed the Earl of Oxford, so famed for his most excellent

ⁱ Life of Bp. Bull, p. 480.

^k Walpole's Life of Virtue, p. 259. His Arms, on a Letter to Mr. Williams were, on a Saltire engrailed 5 Escallops, no Colours expressed.

excellent Collection of Books and MSS, then deposited at Wimple in this Neighbourhood, the usual Place of his Residence; from whence he frequently visited his Friends at Cambridge, and in particular Mr. Baker, for whom he always testified the highest Regard; and indeed often shewed it, not only by frequent Visits, and most obliging Correspondence, but by generous presents of Wine, &c. (for I am told he would receive no others) In Return for which Favours, Mr. Baker bequeathed to him the larger Sharer of his valuable MSS, after having given him all the Assistance he was able, in making that extraordinary Collection. A substantial proof of his Gratitude, which would have been exceeded by no one, had his Circumstances corresponded with his liberal Disposition. This Nobleman's Attachment to Literature, the indefatigable Pains he took, and the large Sums he expended in making the above Collection, are too well known, to stand in need of any farther Notice, than that of Mich. Mataire, in the Dedication of the Catalogue of the printed Books to Lord Carteret, in the following Words. "*Comes Ille Oxoniensis, insignis apud probos omnes et eruditos domi forisque, undecunque corradi possint, passim perquisitas, magnis sumptibus, Industria singulari, studioque indefesso, in hanc congestit.*" And in that large one of MSS, now happily deposited in the British Museum,

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where all Men of Literature, may not only have free Access to, but the most comfortable Accommodations for their Perusal and Application. As to other Parts of this Lord's Character, Family Connections, &c. they are to be met with in the Peerage, and elsewhere, to which I shall rather choose to refer the Reader, than enlarge upon them here.

As Mr. Baker had for many Years before his Death, been almost a Recluse, and seldom went farther than the College Walks, unless to a Coffee House in an Evening, after Chapel, where he commonly spent an Hour with great Chearfulness, in conversing with a select Number of his Friends and Acquaintance, chiefly upon literary Subjects; I shall here take the Liberty of giving a short Account of some of them.

Dr. Francis Dickens, Fellow of Trinity Hall, was one of these, who took the Degree of LL.B. in 1704, and had that of A.M. confer'd upon him by Mandate in 1710, in order to enable him to take the Proctorship, upon a Devolution to that College by the Death of Mr. Fran. Turner, A.M. Fellow of King's College, for the Remainder of that Year¹; which Office was in like Manner confer'd upon him again, on the Death
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¹ This Office comes regularly to this College, only once in fifty Years, (I suppose by Reason of their being all Civilians, except two Fellows) unless in Cases of Death, when it always devolves to that House.

of Mr. John Bagnell, A.M. of Jesus College, in the following. This Office, according to his usual Humanity, he is said to have executed with great Lenity and Tenderneſs, and therein to have copied Bp. Sanderson's Conduct, when Fellow of Lincoln College, in Oxford, in 1615, as related in his Life by Walton.

He proceeded LL.D. in 1714, and upon the Death of Dr. Ayloffe, was ſoon after appointed Regius Profeſſor of Civil Law, in Opposition to Dr. Audley, in Favour of whom a Petition had been ſent up to the Queen, ſigned by the Vice-chancellor and many of the Heads^m, but the Interest of his Brother, Mr. Dickens, Serjeant Surgeon to the Queen, prevailed.

He was a Perſon, not only well eſteemed for his Learning in general, and extraordinary Attainments in his Profeſſion, but beloved by all who knew him, for his ſweetneſs of Diſpoſition, and uncommon Degree of Humanity. No Profeſſor, I may venture to ſay, from the Foundation, ever made a greater Figure in the Chair, and few I believe have equalled him. His Command in the pureſt Latin Tongue, placed him upon a Level in that Reſpect, with two of our moſt celebrated Profeſſors of Divinity, Dr. Beaumont and Dr. James, the one Maſter of Peterhouſe, and the other of Queen's College; and was not ſuppoſed

posed to fall greatly short of them, in Knowledge of the Questions and Management of the Disputations. And his Determinations upon some of the Questions that came before him, were so excellent, that they were much attended to and admired; and an eminent Divine, has been heard to declare more than once, there were some Passages in St. Paul's Epistles, he could not comprehend, till he heard them explained by him, in the most satisfactory Manner, from the Roman Laws. Yet such were his great Modesty and Humility, that he ordered them all to be burnt before his Death, to the unspeakable Loss of such, as purpose to make the Civil Law, their principal Study.

No one, I will venture to assert, was better qualified for the Instruction of Youth, as having joyned to his natural Sweetness of Temper, and great Knowledge in Literature, a happy Manner of communicating it. And wherein he spared neither Pains nor Labour, in instructing both his own Pupils, and those who attended his Course of Lectures; so that where Capacity, or Attention were not wanting, they were enabled to keep Exercise under him to advantage, and when they did so, were sure of meeting with his publick Approbation. In Confirmation of which, a Gentleman who attended a young Baronet abroad, to the Law Lectures of that celebrated Professor, Barbeyrac, at Laufanne, has been heard confidently

to assert, that Dr. Dickens had such a happy Way of expressing himself, and explaining every Thing in the Civil Law, that his Pupils might learn more from his Lectures in a Week, than from Barbeyrac's in a Month.

To this I may add, his uncommon Degree of Generosity, well known to all his Friends and Acquaintance, and particularly experienced by such as kept Exercise under him, and whose Circumstances gave them any Claim to it. By such Acts of Bounty, he greatly lessened his annual Income; which from his Paternal Estate, Professorship, Fellowship and Pupils was very considerable. Nay had he lived to have enjoyed a large Estate in Suffolk, left him by a remote Relation, after the Decease of his Widow, 'tis probable, a good Part of it would have been employed in Acts of Benevolence, and such like good Works. But his Death which happened in 17— prevented any such Application, and gave an Opportunity to Ambrose Dickens, Esq. his worthy Nephew, of Wollaston, in Northamptonshire, to stand in his Room.

Dr. William Baker, senior Fellow and Dean of St. John's College, was another of his Friends, whom he used to meet at the same Place. A Man of great Learning and Probity, but reckoned rigorous in the Execution of his Office. As it is well known however, that he had both the Inter-
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est of the College, and of the Youth at heart, so he often received Thanks, from such as he had animadverted upon in the most severe Manner, when they considered the real Service he had done them, by his well intended and timely Admonitions.

Dr. Conyers Middleton^a, Principal Librarian of the University of Cambridge, was another of the same Party. A Person well known to the learned World, as an accomplished Gentleman and a Polite Scholar. His Life of Cicero, Book of Genuine Antiquities, and many other Pieces, were received by the Publick with the highest Applause; and had he considered the Imperfections of human Learning (without the Aid and Assistance of divine Revelation) a little more, no one would have appeared to greater advantage, amongst Men of Letters. He gave great Offence, it is certain, by some of his Writings, both to the Publick, and to some of his particular Friends, which brought upon him many Reflections, and put a stop to his Preferment: but whatever his real Sentiments of the Christian Religion were, it must in Justice to him be owned, that he was never heard to say any Thing, that in the least tended to its Impeachment or Discredit. His Conversation always appeared to be truly Christian, and

^a See his Life prefixed to his Works in 4 Vols. 4to. and in Biograph. Britan. p. 3092. And Anecdotes of Bowyer, p. 125.

and no Man led a more exemplary Life, nor in his Practice paid a greater Regard to religious Ordinances and Institutions. Such however is the Power of Prejudice, that Mr. Baker himself, after his many open Declarations concerning Revelation^o, was thought by some, to have been infected by the Doctor with the Principles of Infidelity, from frequently conversing with him in this public Way, and in Company with many other learned Persons of his Acquaintance^p. Yea a City Divine, of some eminence for Literature, was so prejudiced against the Doctor, as to style him in Contempt, the Man of one Syllogism, as if incapable of carrying an Argument above that length; when every one who knew him, must be fully convinced, that no one was more capable of defending the right Side of a Question than himself: and indeed his Writings themselves, are an ample Attestation of this Truth.

Philip Williams, D.D. and senior Fellow of St. John's College, another of Mr. Baker's Acquaintance, was an eminent Tutor, publick Orator of the University, and a good Divine.

He kept the Divinity A&t, at the publick Commencement in 1730, and though opposed by some
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^o In his Chapter on Ecclesiastical History, and elsewhere.

^p A Clergyman of the Town, once asked Dr. Grey if he was not an Infidel, from having heard that he spent most of his Evenings at the Doctor's House, whereas perhaps he scarce ever was there, but usually met him in publick Company at the Coffee House.

of the most learned Men in the University, acquitted himself with great Credit and Applause. He likewise distinguished himself as an Orator, although the Business of a good one is extremely difficult, and the Requisites to make one, attainable by few. And his Address in the Pulpit was such, as gave great Advantage to his Sermons, and caused him to be an admired Preacher.

James Tunstall, D.D. Fellow of the College, likewise, was a Person highly esteemed, not only for his good Learning, but for the Sweetness of his Disposition. As a Pupil Monger, no one took more Pains for the Improvement of such as were placed under his Care ; and his Success was, I am told, answerable to his warmest Wishes. As senior Dean of the College, the mildness of his Reproofs, wrought more upon the Tempers of several Persons of ingenuous Minds, than the sharpest Censures, or the severest Discipline would have been able to effect.

He appeared with Credit both as a Divine, and publick Orator, but as a Disputant few were his Equals. He acquired such Applause by his Act for his Doctor's Degree, that in my Remembrance no one deserved more, Dr. Rutherford, the late learned Professor of Divinity excepted, whose Powers were really astonishing, and whose Act probably equalled that of Dr. Clarke recorded in his Life. He wrote a Latin Treatise against

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Dr. Middleton concerning Cicero's Epistles to Atticus, &c. with other Publications, which may be seen, with a farther Account of him, in Nichols's Anecdotes of Bowyer, p. 351. He was made Chaplain to ABp. Potter, from whom he received some considerable Preferments, but lived not long to enjoy them.

Though these were Mr. Baker's principal Acquaintance, yet were there many others in the University, for whom he had the highest Regard. Amongst these were the reverend and learned Dr. Newcome, late Master of the College, and his excellent Lady: who besides her unusual Attainments, in some useful Branches of Science, not attended with the least Vanity or Affectation, was possessed of every Accomplishment belonging to her Sex. Of the Favours received from these worthy Persons, he makes honourable Mention in his Will, and of whom more may be seen in the Anecdotes of Bowyer, p. 17, and elsewhere.

To these I may add Mr. Robert Leke, B.D. Fellow of the same College, and afterwards Rector of Great-Snoring, in Norfolk; who was generally esteemed a Man of Learning, and a good Preacher. And the late Mr. Henry Peyton, Fellow Commoner; whose good Nature and amiable Disposition justly endeared him to all his Acquaintance. Likewise the late worthy Dr. William Warren, President of Trinity Hall, Dr.

Henry Monſon, Fellow of the ſame, and Regius Profeſſor of Law, with the amiable Sir James Burrough, A.M. Succeſſor to Bp. Gooch, in the Maſterſhip of Caius College; whoſe ſocial Diſpoſition, united to a gentlemanlike and polite Behaviour, gained him an univerſal Eſteem.

But he had a greater Regard for no Man, nor did any one better deſerve it, than the learned William Heberden, M.D. of the ſame College, who attended him in his laſt Illneſs, and upon whoſe amiable Character I ſhould gladly have enlarged, had not the ſtricteſt Injunctions been given to the Contrary. Some creditable Particulars however concerning him, are to be met with in the Anecdotes of Bowyer, at p. 26, 488, 641.

The laſt, though not the leaſt of his Friends, whom I ſhall here take Notice of, was Dr. Zachary Grey, the Collector of the Materials of this Life; of whom and his Writings an Account is given in Nichols's Anecdotes of Bowyer, p. 354, where he is ſaid to have been of Yorkſhire, admitted Penſioner of Jeſus College, in Cambridge, in 1704, and from thence removed to Trinity Hall, in 1706. He was Rector of Houghton Conqueſt, in Bedfordſhire, where, or at the neighbouring Town of Ampthill, he uſually ſpent the Summer, and reſided at Cambridge in the Winter, where he was Vicar of the Pariſhes of St. Peter and St. Giles. He was, as is there truly aſſerted

ferted, of a most amiable, and communicative Disposition, and never better pleased than when performing Acts of Friendship and Benevolence. He had spent a great deal of Time in reading a large Collection of Books, and published many more Tracts in Relation to English History, &c. than are enumerated by Mr. Nichols: who introduces the Bishops Gibson and Sherlock, as speaking highly in Commendation of him, for his Examination of Neal's History of the Puritans. But notwithstanding his great Application to his Studies, he always appeared lively and chearful, and no Man delighted more in the Company of his Friends, or entertained them in a more hospitable and agreeable Manner. In short, he seemed to enjoy, all that Ease and Happiness, usually arising from a good Heart, and a contented Mind. *Addenda.*

In the Bodleian Catalogue, at p. 347, is a Book entitled, "*Querimonia Johan. Somerset, de Ingratitudine Universitat. Cantab. et specialiter contra supremos Socios Coll. Regis, auctore Guil. Worcester sive Bottoner cum Observationibus Tho. Bakeri de eodem, Oxon. 8vo. 1727.*" This was published by his Friend Tho. Hearne, who thus acknowledges his Assistance, *Observationes de Joanne Somerset, ex Epistolis quinque ad Editorem datis, in quibus Observationibus et notas quasdam luculentas simul et eximias habes,*

et de viro magno et infelici Edmundo Castello¹,
 quas meo rogatu misit amicissimus Bakerus².

P. 18. Mr. Locke's Essay on Human Understanding was first published in 1689, and although Mr. Baker's Reflections upon Learning, did not come forth till ten Years after: yet the former, however valuable in itself, and however highly esteemed since, was at that Time in no Degree of Credit, and we may presume little read; yea at a Meeting of the Heads of Houses at Oxford, so late as 1703, it was proposed to censure and discourage the reading of it. 'Tis not much to be wondered at therefore, Mr. Baker in his Chapter of Logic should pass it by without Notice.

The Author of his Life in the new Biograph. Britan. seems not only to countenance Dr. Jortin's Reflections upon Mr. Baker, but much disposed to lower him in the Opinion of the World, and even taxes him with speaking contemptuously and ignorantly of the Copernican System, in his Chapter of Astronomy: without attending to the great Improvements made in Mathematics, Natural Philosophy, and in that very Science, by the

¹ This learned Man was concerned with Bp. Walton, in the Publication of the Polyglot Bible, and Lexicon Heptaglotton. He had been Fellow of King's College, and became Rector of Higham Gobion in Bedfordshire, where he died in 1674, and was buried in the Church.

² Append. Tho. de Elmham Vita et Gesta Henrici, V. 1727.

³ See Locke's Works, Vol. IV, 4to. 1777. A Letter to Collins p. 618.

the Discoveries of Sir Isaac Newton and others, since that Period.

P. 33. Bp. Burnet says in the Preface, to the III Vol. of the History of the Reformation, " In several Particulars I do not perfectly agree with these Corrections, but I set them down as they were sent to me, without any Remarks on them, and I give my hearty Thanks in the fullest Manner I can, to him who was first at the Pains to make this Collection, and then had the Goodness to communicate it to me, in so obliging a Manner: for he gave me a much greater Power over these Papers than I have thought fit to assume:" And that Mr. Baker was the Person alluded to is certain from his own Entry in this Volume, " Ex dono doctissimi Authoris ac celeberrimi Præsulis Gilberti Episcopi Sarisburiensis, adding I shall always have an Honour for the Author's Memory, who entered all the Corrections I had made, at the end of this Volume." If any more are found, they were not sent, for he suppressed nothing. An Instance much to the Credit of both, who were Persons of such different Principles.

Dr. Hatcher's is no more than a Catalogue of Persons educated in King's College, with some short Notes upon them, and does not extend to the University, as intimated in the British Topo-

graphy 1st Ed. p. 102. in Note D. The Account there given of Baker's MS. Collections is very superficial, and yet much too long and tedious for a Note, in a Work of that kind.

I never met with the least Hint of Mr. Prior's giving him the Profits of his Fellowship, but in the Biograph. Britan. p. 520, and therefore cannot imagine Dr. Goddard could be well informed in that Matter: or that there was more Truth in it, than in that of Ld. Oxford's Annuity above noticed. p. 71.

P. 56. Wm. Wake, ABp. of Cant.

ob. 24 Jan. 1736, Ætat 79.

This Inscription is upon his Ring, which I preserve in Memory of him. T. B.

P. 62. In Bp. Kenet's Register, is the following Entry;

Donum

Doctissimi Authoris

brevi post extincti

Dec. 19, 1728, mihi quidem flebilis occidit.

P. 66. And in that of Mr. Anstis Register of the noble Order of the Garter.

Donum ornatissimi viri Joannis

Anstis Armigeri Fecialis Primarii,

Vulgo, Garter Principalis Regis

Armorum sive Insignium.

A P P E N D I X.

No. I. p. 40.

THE following Soliloquy is here introduced, as a Specimen of Mr. Baker's Piety, not of his Poetical abilities.

Upon myself, and to my God.

My God, and what am I? — A Thing of
nought.

Hid from myself, and yet compos'd of Thought.
How vain these thoughts? how oft without Effect?
And yet I please myself, that I reflect.
Proud of a Phantom, that can only show,
That I more surely think, than surely know;
Ruffled with Passions, with Affections blind,
Involved in Clouds, nor Rest, nor Light I find,
Till he that breath'd the Spark, does reinspire
my Mind.

Thou

'Thou that breath'ft Life into the unthinking
 Clod,
 Be thou my Light, as thou haft been my God.
 'Thou took'ft me from the Womb, — fince, me
 upheld,
 Be thou my Strength, as thou haft been my
 Shield,
 As furely fo thou art, — from Deaths, from Tears
 'Thou oft preferv'dft me, — oft renew'dft my
 Years,
 Diffpell'd my Sorrows, banifh'd all my Fears.
 To Dangers oft expos'd, thy Help implor'd,
 By Follies loft, — as oft I've been reftor'd.

When Duty call'd me forth to rifque my all,
 Juft was my Lot, but eafy was my Fall;
 The Griefs and Suff'rings, that mean Souls an-
 noy,
 Thou mak'ft them light to me, and turn'ft to joy,
 So light, that if in ought I bear thy Crofs,
 It grieves me, that nought I merit by the Lofs.
 My Sins more juftly fcourges might demand,
 Should Juftice ftrike, as Mercy holds the Hand;
 In that my Refuge, there I place my Reft,
 Nor hurt by Frowns, in Spite of Fortune bleft.
 For all thefe Mercies, juft Returns from me
 Are due, — and yet my beft Returns, I owe to
 thee;

My

My Pray'rs, my Vows, and all that should be
mine,
E'en these are due to thee, and truly thine.

Oh were I thine myself! The Offering made,
Were it as worthy thee, as freely paid;
But Worth, (forbid the Word) my Sins forbid;
Pardon's my Plea, and Sins by Mercy hid.
Fixt here, I stand, in hopes of Crimes forgiv'n;
I trample Earth and antedate my Heav'n;
In brighter Mansions may I have my Share,
And follow Thoughts, that are already there,
But low therein, — for lowly is my Pray'r.

July 7th, Die meo natali.

No. II. p. 44.

Of Hartman Schedel's Chronicon Chronicorum
printed at Nuremberg, by Ant. Koberger, An. 1493.
We have four Copies (or more) at Cambridge,
two in the publick Library, one at St. John's,
the fourth and most beautiful at Trinity College,
with the Faces, Maps and other Figures fairly
depicted in Colours. In this last Folio *CLXXXIII*,
are the Pictures of the Emperor, seven Electors,
Princes and Counts of the Empire, with their
Arms fairly depicted, and this Note in MS. "*Hæc
Scuta recte pinguntur in suis Coloribus juxta Ju-
dicium*"

dicium Heraldī." The rest have the Arms but not in Colors.

At Folio cclxi, [which is a blank in the ordinary Copies] is a Picture of Antichrist very monstrous, with seven Heads [serpentine] and almost as many Colors, and upon the Pedestal this Inscription in MS. "Hæc depinxit Jacobus Jaqueri de Civitate Taurini in pede Montium An. Domini millesimo quatercentesimo primo, [in the ordinary Copies, and in this, there is a Print of Antichrist [not so monstrous] at Folio cclxii.] on the opposite Page these rhyming Verses, and following Note in English.

Judicabit Judices Judex generalis,
 Hic mihi proderit dignitas papalis,
 Sive sit Episcopus sive Cardinalis,
 Reus condemnabitur, nec dicetur qualis.
 Hic nihil proderit quicquam allegare,
 Neque excipere neque replicare,
 Nec ad Apostolicam Sedem appellare,
 Reus condemnabitur nec dicetur quare.
 Cogitate miseri qui vel quales estis,
 quid in hoc Judicio dicere potestis,
 Idem erit Dominus, Judex, Actor, Testis.

This Picture was set in the Temple of the Jacobins at Jenoua, in An. 1401, a shoue of Antechriste, and from thens, abrode into the Worlde,

Worlde, that the Abomination of the Wicked maye be perceived. B.S.M.

Stephen Batman's Name is upon the Book (in fronte libri) [I am apt to think the Verses on Judgment are his; he has wrote, The Doome, warning all Men to the Judgement, &c.]

In all the Copies that I have seen, Trin. Coll. St. John's Coll. and one of the Bp. of Ely's (the other I have not seen) at Folio ccxix. is the Print- or Picture of Pope Joan, with a triple Crown and a Child in her Arms, instead of a Cross borne by the rest of the Popes, with her Story: both fair and undefaced, neither of them obliterated, as they are in most, or many Copies, as Mr. Hearne informs me.

At Folio cclii, there is a good Authority for the Invention of Printing at Mentz, &c. There is another Copy of this Book at Christ College, &c. Since another Copy (penes me) with Pope Joan's Picture undefaced, only the Face of the Mother and Child a little scratched, the rest of the Book very fair and perfect.

No. III. p. 48.

M. S.

JOHANNIS SMITH, S.T.P.

Lowtheriæ in Agro Westmariensi nati:

Qui Juvenis,

in hoc celeberrimum Collegium cooptatus est;
 ubi bonis moribus informatus, et ingenuis Artibus
 eruditus, ejusdem Collegii decus
 totiusque Ecclesiæ ornamentum evasit.

Quem

mira Facilitas morum et Elegantia, Comitati
 adjuncta semper Gravitas, Animi Candor et modestia
 Ornatum;

Ingenii Fæcunditas, acumen Judicii, Memorix Vigor,
 in re literariâ promovendâ Fatalis industria,
 Doctum;

In adversis rebus animi magnitudo, in secundis
 Continentia, in Deum deniq. suosq. singularis Pietas
 Optimum fuisse demonstrârunt.

Ob hæc merita, quibus Hon^{tissimi}. et Revdi. admodum Episcopi
 gratiam sibi conciliavit, in numerum Canonicorum
 Dunelmensium prius adscitus, dein in Ecclesiam

Weremuthæ Epi Parochialem promotus est.

Hiscæ Sacerdotiis honestis auctus, ea non minus dignè,
 quàm ipsa illum exornavit.

Antiqua Ecclesiæ Jura et Privilegia nemo fortiùs
 defendit. Eloquentiam cum Theologiâ, omnesq.
 bonas Artes cum sacris literis adeo conjunxit;
 ut Orator copiosus, Philologus eximius, Theologus
 absolutus meritò audiret.

In Historicis, Anglicis præsertim, evolvendis
 fuit maximè assiduus; advertensq. animum,
 quod polita Venerabilis Bædæ Operum

Historicorum desideraretur Editio, id laboris
 à nullo potius, quàm a Canonico Dunelm. Bædæ
 Sæ.

Sæt. Compresbytero et Popolari, subeundum duxit :
 Huic igitur muneri se accinxit ; sed, proh dolor !
 dum non vulgari Studio prælo insudaret ;
 morte in medio opere immaturâ præreptus est :
 Et intra sacram hujus Collegii ædem, cujus in Gremio se
 nutritum non sine piâ voluptate sæpius jactavit,
 humatus est.

Natus, Anno Dni. 1659.

Obiit 30 Julii, 1715.

No. IV. p. 60.

Taken from Mr. Baker's MSS. Vol. XXXIX,
 p. 185, but somewhat abridged.

An Account of Dr. Peter Baro (alias Baron)
 and his Family, found in the Study of Mr. An-
 drew Baron, late Fellow of Peterhouse, his great
 Grandson.

Estienne Baron, espousa en Mariage Philippe
 Petit, eurent plusieurs Enfants Fils et Filles, en-
 tre autres Jehan, Florent, et Pierre.

Pierre natif d' Estampes fut mis aux Estudes,
 et apres avoir estudiè en Droiët Civil quelques
 Annees, fut passè l'an. 1556, le 9' d' April, Ba-
 chelier en Droiët a Bourges, and le jour suivant
 receu Licentier en loix estant agè de 22 a 23
 ans. ——— L'an 1557, fut receu et juré Advoca-
 t en la Court de Parlement de Paris. Depuis
 estant agè de 26 ans, l'an et mois que Francois
 deuxiesme Roy de France morut a Orleans, c'est
 a dire,

a dire, l'an 1560, en Decembre, se retira a Genevè, et la, s'estant adonné a l'estude de Theologie, fut faict Ministre, et receut l'imposition des Mains par Jean Calvin.

Après retournement en France espousa à Gien l'an 1563, entre le 19 de May et le 7 de Juin en suivant Guillemette Burgoin fille d'Estienne Burgoin Merchant, et de Lopse Dozival. — De Pierre Barron et Guillemette Burgoin sa Femme naquit a Orleans premierement une Fille le premier jour de Juin, 1564. Qui fut nommée Marthe, par Estienne Baron son Aieul.

Depuis un fils aussi a Orleans le 15 Janvier, 1566, qui fut nommé Pierre, par Jehan Pinselet. — L'an 1567, le quatriesme jour de Novembre encores un fils a Orleans, qui fut nommé Estienne par Francoys Burgoin son Oncle.

Le Dimanche 10 jour d' Octobre, 1568, naquit encores un fils a Sancerre, lequel fut nommé Estienne, qui mourut le jour suivant, par son Aieul maternel Estienne Bourgoin.

Le Vendredi 26 de May, a Sancerre naquit une autre fille laquelle fut nommée Marie par son Oncle maternel Anthoine Burgoin.

Depuis le susdict Pierre Barron s'estant retiré avec sa Femme Guillemette Burgoin et ses Enfants a Cambridge, l'une des deux Univerlites d'Angleterre, a cause des troubles de la France, fut

le Professeur des Lettres Hebraïques et en Theologie mesme: fut receu Docteur en Theologie".

Au dict Cambridge le huitiesme jour de Juillet 1574, luy naquit son quatriesme fils, qui fut nommè Andrè par B. Dodingthon Professeur du Roy en la Langue Greque et Artus Purifoy.

Au mesme lieu de Cambridge le 24 d' Aoust, 1577, naquit encores une fille, et 39 heures apres, un autre, lesquelles furent nommè Elizabeth, la premiere par Gabriel fils de Monsieur Mongomeri et Damoiselles Boulingham et Norgett, et l' autre Catherine par Monsieur Pillard et Damoiselle Goad et Dame. —

Thus far seems to be in the Hand-writing of the Doctor himself; who resigned his Lectureship of Divinity in 1596, after having read Lectures in the University for twenty four Years with Approbation, for the small Sum of twenty Pounds per Annum, foreseeing that he could not hold it much longer, on Account of some Opinions he held, that were not then deemed Orthodox*.

There were some however who still retained a good Opinion of him, particularly Dr. Jegon,
Master

* Feb. 3, 1575, 6 Mr. Petr. Barron, licentiatius in Jure Civili, in Acad. Bituriensi, incorporatus Cantab. Regist. Acad.

Concess. 8 June, 1576, Magistro Petro Barron, Prælect. Lect. Theol. per dominam Marg. fundat. ad incipiend. in Sac. Theol.

* His and Barrett's Case may be seen at large in a MS. of ABp. Whitgift, in Trin. Coll. and in Strype's Life of Whitgift, p. 464. &c. and from his Letters in Baker's Coll. Vol. XX. p. 543.

Master of Benet College, as appears by an Extract from a Letter of his to the ABp. of Canterbury of the 4th of Dec. 1596. — “ I easily perceive by Letters from your Grace your good Opinion and gracious Meaning to that Rev. old Man Mr. Dr. Baron, who hath been here longe Time a painful Teacher of Hebrew and Divinity to myself and others. To whome I am (as I have always beene) very willing to shewe my thankful Minde; but he hath lately found some heavy Friends among us, to the Prejudice of his former CREDIT, and his present Re-election. But if he returns, and please to take Pains, in reading Hebrew Lectures in private Houses, I doubt not but to his good CREDIT, there may be raised as great a Stipend. — To the Lecture is chosen Mr. Dr. Playfere.”

He did not however accept this Proposal, since we are assured by the Extract of a Letter from his Grandson Sam. Baron, M.D. dated 3 April, 1671. — “ That soon after one was elected into the Professors Place which he had held, he retired himself to London, and lived and died in a House in Dyer’s Yard in Crutched Fryers Street, over against St. Olive’s Church, in which he was buried.”

“ He was carried to his Grave by six Doctors in Divinity, and one Dr. Symson, Minister of the Church

Church, preached his Funeral Sermon. How long since that was, I can give no Account, but that may soon be known by searching the Register there, neither did he ever go into France after he parted with the Professor's Place." —

Dr. Baron left two Sons, from the eldest of which, was descended this Samuel Baron, who practised Physick at Lynn Regis in Norfolk, whence the above Letters are dated, and married Frances Goddard, the Daughter of Thomas Goddard of Stanhow, in the said County, Gentleman, Feb. 15, 1630, by whom he had Issue thirteen Sons and Daughters. He died on 12 April, 1673, and was buried in the Chancel of All Saints Church in South Lynn, near his Mother, with this Inscription upon a Marble Stone lying over him,

Hic jacet Samuel Baron, M.D.

Qui post hanc vitam, quam bonis

Operibus et vera pietate ornaverat, Cœlo
donatus est 12^o. die Aprilis, Anno Domini 1673:

Andrew Baron, his fifth Son, was born June 18, 1645, and admitted Pensioner of St. Peter's College on 2d Day of May, 1661. He took the Degree of A.B. in 1664, was elected Fellow in the following Year, and proceeded A.M. in 1667. Mr. Baker in a Letter to Mr. Strype, dated from Cambridge Dec. 22, 1729, thus addresses him,

“ Worthy Sir,

“ I have again sent you an Account of Dr. Peter Baro, and his Posterity. The Marriage of Dr. Sam. Baron, and Birth of his Children, is only abridged, not being much to the Purpose, and having sent it at large in my former Papers, could you meet with them. Most of them I believe died young, so the Estate descended to Andrew Baron, in whose Study these Papers were found at his Death. ——— At the same Time I sent you a large Account of Dr. Perne, who dying before your present Period, it is too late to say more of him. ——— Dr. Grey presents you with his Service, to promote so good a Work, he is willing to undertake the Index*. He is as kind and friendly a Man as any one I know.

Yours, &c.

Thomas Baker.

No. V. p. 73.

Carolo
Duci Somersetenſi,
Strenuo juris Academici Defenſori,
Accerrimo Libertatis Publicæ vindici,
Statuam
Leſtiſſimarum Matronarum Munus,

L. M.

* To IV. Vol. of the Annals of the Reformation published in 17—

L.M. ponendam decrevit,
Academia Cantrabrigiensis,
Quam Præsidio suo munivit,
Auxit Munificentia,
Per annos plus Sexaginta,
Cancellarius.

On the reverse :

Hanc Statuam
Suæ in Parentem pietatis,
In Academiam studii
Monumentum,
Ornatissimæ Fœminæ
Francisca Marchionis de Granby Conjux,
Charlotta Baronis de Guernsey,
S. P. faciendam curaverunt
1756.

No. VI. p. 83.

In the Name of God Amen. I Thomas Baker, Ejected Fellow of Saint John's College, in Cambridge, do make my last Will and Testament as follows.

First, I commend my Soul into the Hands of Almighty God (my gracious and good God) my faithful Creator, and merciful Redeemer, and in all my Dangers and Difficultys, a most constant Protector, blessed for ever be his Holy Name.

As to the Temporal Goods, it has pleased the same good God to bestow upon me, (such as all Men might be content with, and are I bless God, neither Poverty nor Riches) I dispose of them in the following Manner,

Whereas I have made a Deed of Gift (or Sale for one Guinea) of twenty one Volumes in Folio, of my own Handwriting, to the right honourable Edward Earl of Oxford, I confirm and ratify that Gift by this my last Will, and I beg his Lordship's Acceptance of them, being sensible they are of little Use or Value, with two other Volumes in Folio, since conveyed to him in like Manner.

To my dear Cousin George Baker, Esq. of Crook; I leave the Life of Cardinal Wolsey, noted with my own Hand; Lord Clarendon's History with Cuts and Prints, and Winwood's Memorials, in three Volumes in Folio, with a five Pound (Jacobus) piece of Gold, as a Mark of Respect and Affection, since he does not Want it.

To my Cousin Ferdinand Baker, my Silver Salver as promised.

To my worthy Kinsman and Friend Mr. George Smith, I leave Godwin de Præsulibus Angliæ, Waræus de Præsulibus Hybernæ, both noted with my own Hand.

To the Rev. and Learned Dr. Newcome, Master

ster of St. John's College, I leave a Ring of a Guinea; with two Tables of the Masters of St. John's College in Frames, with my Founder's Picture for himself or College, and to his excellent Lady a Ring of one Guinea.

To my worthy Friend Dr. Dickins, Regius Professor of Law, I leave the first Edition of Linwood's Provincial, in a large Folio, and black Letter, with a Ring of a Guinea, and Dr. Corbet's^b Picture for himself, or the College.

To the worthy Mr. Burrough, Fellow of Caius College, I leave Bishop Cofins's^c Picture for the College,

And my worthy Friend Dr. Knight, I leave Archbishop Parker's Picture, together with an other Picture (near my Bed) of Doctor Humphrey Tindal, Dean of Ely (as supposed) and the Date and Year agree exactly.

All my other Pictures and Prints undisposed of, I leave to my worthy Friend Dr. Grey^d, LL.D. for the Ornament of his House, with a Ring of a Guinea

^b Clement Corbet, LL.D. Master of Trinity Hall, 1611.

^c Bp. of Durham, 1660.

^d Pictures left to Dr. Zach. Grey, by this very worthy Man, were King James I, King Charles I and II, James Duke of York, half length by Sir Peter Lely, Lord Strafford, Hugo de Balsham, Bp. of Ely, Mr. Perkins, Dr. Shorton, first Master of St. John's, and of Pembroke Hall, drawn in his Robes; a hunting of the Wild Boar, by Kecherman; a Picture of Brook, Lord Cobham, of Dudley; Fenner, a noted Republican; an original Picture of old Parr, with several more.

a Guinea to him, Dr. Middleton, Dr. Williams ; Mrs. Burton of Ellamore : and my dear Niece and Goddaughter, Mrs. Margaret Shepperson, and the reverend Mr. John Boswell, Vicar of Taunton, and Prebendary of Wells,

To Saint John's College Library, I leave all such Books printed or MS. as I have, and are wanting there ; excepting those I leave in Trust, to my worthy Friend Dr. Middleton, for the University Library ; Archbishop Wake's State of the Church, noted and improved under his own Hand. Bishop Burnet's History of the Reformation, three Volumes, noted in my Hand ; and Bishop Kennet's Register and Chronicle, (for the Memory of which three great Prelates, my honoured Friends, I must always have a due Regard :) to these I add Mr. Anstis, my worthy Friend's History of the Garter, in two Volumes Folio. Wood's Athenæ Oxonienses, and Mansel's Catalogue, both noted with my own Hand, and Gunton's and Patrick's History of the Church of Peterborough, noted (for Bishop Kennet) with my Hand, with fifteen Volumes, more or less, in Folio, all in my own Hand, and three Volumes in Quarto, Part in my own Hand.

To the Poor of the Parish of Lanchester, where (at Crook) I was born ; and to the Poor of the Parish of Long Newton, where I was ejected, to each Parish I leave ten Pounds : and to the College

lege Servants of Saint John the Evangelist, ten Pounds, amongst such as shall be willing to accept a Share ; and out of that I leave five Pounds to my Bedmaker.

As to my Funeral I am not solicitous, I desire nothing but Christian Burial ; Christ be merciful to me a Sinner.

Lastly, I constitute and appoint my dear Nephew Richard Burton Esq. my Sole Executor, to whom I leave every Thing undisposed of, which I hope will be enough to defray his Trouble.

May God Almighty bless him, and give him all the engaging Qualities of his Father, all the Virtues of his Mother, and none of the Sins, or Failings of his Uncle, which God knows are great, and many ; and humbly (O my God) I call for Mercy.

In Testimony of this my last Will, I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal, this fifteenth Day of October, 1739.

Thomas Baker.

Sealed, signed, delivered and declared by the
aforesaid Thomas Baker, for his last Will and
Testament, in the Presence of us,

William Clapham,
Charles Richards.

And now O my God into thy Hand I contentedly

tentedly resign myself, whether it be to Life or Death, thy Will be done.

Long Life I have not desired, (and yet hast thou given it me) give me if it be thy good Pleasure, an easy and a happy Death^c: or if it shall please Thee to visit me severely (as my Sins have deserved) give me Patience to bear thy Correction, and let me always say, even with my dying Breath, thy Will be done.

Amen, Amen.

No. VII. p. 86.

The following Grace was proposed Dec. 29, and granted 30th of December, 1740, in the Senate House at Cambridge.

Whereas the reverend Thomas Baker, late of Saint John's College, in this University, did bequeath by Will, to Dr. Conyers Middleton, the Principal Librarian, in Trust for the Publick Library, several Books both printed and MS. of great Value, relating in a great Measure to the History and Constitution of this University: which Books are now ready to be delivered, for the Purposes intended in the said Bequest. May it please you, that the Curators of the Public Library be impowered, to fix the said Books in such Part of the University Library, and under such

Restrictions,

^c This according to Suetonius, was the Wish of Augustus, "Sibi et Suis, *ut Sarcinae* precabatur." Vitæ Cap. 99.

Restrictions, as they or a Majority of them, (whereof the Vicechancellor for the Time being, to be one) shall judge most convenient, and farther to direct the drawing up such Index, or Indexes, as shall be judged wanting to complete the Usefulness, or Benefit of this valuable Legacy; and that it shall not be lawful for any Person, under any pretence whatever, to borrow any of the said Books, at least till such Time as the said Indexes shall be completed : and may it moreover please you, that this may be an Instruction to the said Curators, that they procure a Memorial of the said Mr. Baker and his Benefaction, to be inserted in the Commemoration Book, among the Benefactors to the Public Library.

No. VIII. p. 90.

The reverend Mr. Baker, was found by his Bedmaker on Saturday the 28th of June, 1740, at five o'Clock in the Afternoon, lying upon his Floor : where he was judged to have fallen two Hours before, by the Circumstance of a clean Pipe, which laid broken by his Side, and which he generally went to fetch about three o'Clock. His Face was so much convulsed, that Part of what he said was with Difficulty understood. A great Stupor seemed to hang upon his Senses ; and one Side of him appeared to be helpless, and dead.

dead. Sometimes he seemed to disregard what was doing about him, and would talk as if he was a little light-headed; at other Times he would recollect himself, and know those, who were with him, recommending himself to their Prayers, for an easy Death; expressing with great Resignation, that he perceived his Time was come, and thanking his Friends for their good Offices, with his usual Humanity. In this Way he continued, till a little after seven on Wednesday Evening, when he expired. He either could not swallow, or else would not consent to take any, either Food or Medicine; and it was but a very little, of what his Attendants put into his Mouth, which might sometimes go down his Throat without his regarding it. But in general, whatever was offered him to take, or to be done for him (except putting on a clean Shirt, which he seemed to be much pleased with, making some little Efforts to assist in putting it on) gave him great Uneasiness, as knowing it was disturbing him to no Purpose: which was therefore forborn, as much as could be, without neglecting him. His Death seemed to be just such an one, as he had often talked of, and desired; preceded by a very short Sickness, and attended with little, or no Pain. It was rendered more fortunate, from the Circumstance of of his Executor, and near Relation (Mr. Burton) happening to be with him, a Day or two before
he

he was taken ill, and of course staying to take Care of Mr. Baker, during his short Illness, and to settle his Affairs.

No. IX. p. 93.

Haud procul hinc jacet, Georgius Baker Miles.

Pater	{	Geo. Baker, Armig.
Avus		
Proavus		

Qui postquam Multa pro Rege,
pro Patria fecisset, tulissetque,
præcipuè in propugnando fortiter Novo Castro
contra Scotos tunc Rebelles,

Hic tandem indigno, et Meritis Suis Dispari
Fato concessit.

August. Anno M.DC.LXVII.

At non passus est Deus tantam Virtutem penitus latere.

Obscure obiit, honorificè tamen Sepultus,

Funus Ejus prosequentibus

Militum Tribuno Totaque Cohorte Militari,

Memorabili Honoris, pietatisque exemplo.

Tandem cum per Quadraginta plus minus annos neglectus jacuisset,

Nepos ejus Thomas Baker, S.T.B.

Non tam Virtutis, quam Adversæ Fortunæ Hæres,

Avi Charissimi Indignæ Sortis Misertus,

Hoc Ei Monumentum Mærens lubens posuit,

Anno 1710.

M.S. a Nepote Defuncti.

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No. X. p. 93.

Dr. Grey received the following Account of Mr. Baker's Funeral, from the Rev. Mr. Cole, then resident in King's College, Cambridge.

Mr. Baker died in St. John's College, July 2, 1740, and was solemnly buried in the Anti-Chapel of that College, under the North Wall, about the Head of Dr. Ashton's Tomb, the whole Society following the Corps in Proceſſion, in their Surplices, from the College Hall, where it had reposed, and round the first Court before they entered the Chapel: where the reverend Dr. Philip Williams, Fellow of the College, and Orator of the University, chanted the whole Evening Service, the Corps lying in the Choir. After the Service was over, Mr. Clarke, one of the Fellows of the College, from his Stall, made a Funeral Oration in his Favour in Latin. Which being finished, the Corps was removed out of the Choir into the Antichapel, where the Funeral Service was read over him by Dr. Williams. — I was at the Funeral, and sat in the Choir with one Monsieur Leonard, a Councillor of the Chatelet at Paris, who having not been in England above ten Days, coming to Cambridge to consult a MS. in the University Library, and knowing the deceased by Fame, was equally desirous of seeing the last
Funeral

Funeral Honours due to so worthy a Person, as well as the Ceremony made use of by the Church of England on such Occasions; the Decency and Order of which he was much pleased with.

In a Letter of Dr. Waterland, dated 6 July, 1740, is the following Passage.

“ We have lately here lost an excellent Man, who lived and died in that pleasurable Kind of Toil, entertaining himself, and serving distant Friends, in a literary Way. I am just come from hearing a fine Panegyric of him from St. Maries Pulpit. Mr. Baker was the Person I mean, as you would have imagined without my naming him. He lived to a great Age: but so lived, as to make it necessary for those he leaves behind him, to think he died too soon.”

No. XI. p. 101.

Notes of Mr. Baker, prefixed to Smith's Catalogue of the Cotton Library, Folio 1696.

From Mr. Pory his Letter of the 12th of May, 1631.

“ That Sir Robert Cotton (whom he called that unparalleled Antiquary and Statesman) was dead on Friday Morning last, who in the Time of his Sickness had sent for Mr. Oldsworth
the

the Divine, who had strictly confessed him, reconciled him to Almighty God, absolved him from his Sinns, and infused such Comfort into his Soule, as he would not Want (as Mr. Pory saith, Sir Robert himself told him) to be the greatest Monarch in the World. That the Bishop of Lincoln (Dr. Williams) also, attended by the Bishop of St. David's (Dr. Field) and Dr. Perse, Minister of the Place, having been with him the greatest Part of the Night before he died, and having absolved him once more, said at his Departure from him, that he came thither to bring Sir Robert Cotton Comfort, but that he carried away with him more Comfort from him than he brought. That before he died, he had requested Sir Henry Spelman, to signify to the Lord Privy Seal, and to the rest of the Lords of the Council, that their so long detaining of his Books from him, without rendering any Reason for the same, had been the Cause of his mortal Maladie. Upon which Message, that the Lord Privy Seal came to Sir Robert, when it was too late, to comfort him from the King, from whome, that the Earle of Dorset came likewise, within half an houre after Sir Robert his Death, to condole with Sir Robert his Sone, for his Death, and tell him from his Majesty, that as he loved his Father, so he would continue his love to him.

That Sir Robert hath entailed, as sure as Law

can make it, his Library of Books (which Mr. Pory faith, would appear in his Heart, if it were ript up, as Calice in Queen Marie's) upon his Son Sir Thomas Cotton, and his Posterity, who after he shall have performed his Father's Exequies (whose Corps was yesternight carried towards his antient Manour of Cunnington, in Huntingtongshire) Mr. Pory faith, makes no doubt to obtain the same, but that he for his Part, for all these Court Holy Waters, shall a while suspend his Belief thereof. MS. Puckering, modo Harley.

This Account had been sent either to Sir Adam Newton, or Sir Thomas Puckering, amongst whose MSS. I found it, and contains somewhat of History, not known to the worthy Publisher of Sir Robert's Life. From Vol. XVI, of his MSS. p. 473,4.

Of Sir Robert's Imprisonment, or Restraint, and Enlargement. See Usher, Letter 147. — Sir Robert Cotton's Books are threatened to be taken away, because he is accused to impart antient Precedents to the Lower House. See Mede's Letter to Sir Martin Stuteville, dated April 28, 1626.

He died at his House in Westminster, the sixth Day of May, about ten of the Clock in the Forenoon, Anno 1631, being aged threescore Years, three Months and some few odde Days, as Weever

informs us in his Epistle to the Reader, prefixed to his Funeral Monuments, where may be seen a Funeral Elegy upon his Death.

Epicedium Rob. Cottoni, ad calcem Epist. Thomæ Mori ad, Acad. Oxon. editæ. a Rich. Janafio, An. 1633, 4to. Item de Puteo Sti Edwardi, in Ædibus Cottonianis sub ejus Obitu exarscente. Ibid.

There is a very particular Account of the Books burnt and damaged by the Fire in 1731, but as that is printed in Casley's Catalogue, it will not be necessary to repeat it here; and it would be too tedious to insert, many other Particulars of the Cotton Family, there to be found.

I shall give a Place however to one Note on the third Book in the Catalogue, " Andreas quidam Tholosates, Præceptor Arthuri Principis, cæcus Adulator, nec Adulator tantum, sed et Delator pessimus. Vide Orosii Epist. p. 1263, &c.

This Author was Poet Laureat, and Historiographer to Hen. VII. and (though blind) was intrusted with the Instruction of Prince Arthur, the King's Son. See more of him in Speed's Life of that King.

The Abridgement of the Records, passing under the Name of Sir Robert Cotton, was not his, but made by Mr. Bowyer, Keeper of the Records, temp. Eliz. See Tyrrell's Introduction to Vol. III. of his History of England.

To a Book intituled, “ The Court and Kitchen of Elizabeth (commonly called Joan) Cromwell, Wife of the late Usurper, truly described and represented, &c. London 1664, 12mo.” were prefixed the following Memorandums. — Several creditable Persons of this City (Leige) assured me, that Richard Cromwell, Son to the Usurper, died here seven or eight Years before my being in the Place; where he lived unknown, and well supplied with Money. That after his Death, he was discovered by his Papers^f. — This however could no farther be done, than that he might privately leave Leige about that Time, and so imagined to be dead, since it is well known he lived many Years after that Time, at Cheshunt in Hertfordshire, under the Name of Clarke, where he died July 13, 1712, at the Age of 86 Years^g.

The Inscription on the Coffin of Lady Elizabeth Claypole, buried in Henry the VIIth’s Chapel, Westminster Abbey.

Depositum

Illustrissimæ Dominæ D. Elizabethæ
nuper Uxoris honoratissimi Domini Dni.
Johannis Claypoole Magistri Equitis,
necnon Filiae secundæ Serenissimi

et

^f See Veryard’s Travels, Folio 1701.

^g See the Annals of Queen Anne, Vol. XI. p. 383, and the London Magazine for 1774, p. 133.

et celsissimi Principis Oliveri Dei
Gratia, Angliæ, Scotiæ, et Hiberniæ, &c.
Protectoris.

Obiit

apud Ædes Hamptonienſes ſexto die
Auguſti, anno Ætatis viceſſimo octavo
annoque Domini, 1658.

The following Remarks are entered by Mr.
B—in Robert Stephens's Latin Bible, in Octavo,
1555.

Chevillier, though he writes the History of
Printing, and was very curious in marking Editions,
yet had not met with any Edition of the
Bible with Distinction of Verses before 1557,
whereas this Edition is two Years sooner, and
probably the first that ever was printed in that
Manner: but the New Testament was thus printed
two Years sooner^b. And though Robert Stephens
was then at Geneva, and looked upon as an
Heretick, yet this his Distinction has been
since followed by Roman Catholicks, and by
Popes themselves, viz. Sixtus V, and Clement
VIII, in their Editions of the Bible, so that R. S.
may be said to have been a Guide to the Popes.

The New Testament in English, was printed
by Conrad Badius, An. 1557, x January, in a
very beautiful Letter, with Distinction of Verses
[penes

^b Voyez L' Origine de L' Imprimerie par Chevillier, p. 143.

[penes me] and is the first New Testament that was ever printed in English in that Manner. It is a very scarce and curious Book, I never saw another perfect Copy, nor had Mr. Lewis met with it.

No. XII. p. 18.

As the following Heads, taken from whole length Figures on Glass in a praying Posture¹, by Friends well skilled in Drawing, bearing so near a Relation to Lady Margaret abovementioned, and being in themselves so curious, as well as perhaps the most considerable Remains of such eminent Persons, are thought by them, whose Judgment may be relied on, worthy of Preservation, they shall in compliance with their Request, willingly have a Place here.

The first, I believe, I may safely venture to affirm, is JOHN BEAUFORT, Son of John Earl of Somerset (by Margaret Daughter of Thomas Holland Earl of Kent^k) the eldest Son of John of Gaunt, Duke of Lancaster, by Catharine Swinford. He succeeded his elder Brother Henry, who died young, in the Title of Somerset, 6

Henry

¹ They are now in the Possession of the Editor, from an Oratory erected to the Memory of Lady Margaret, her Family and Friends.

^k This Lady afterwards married Thomas Duke of Clarence, second Son of Henry IV, whom she survived, and dying on 31 Dec. 1440, lies entombed between her two Husbands in the Cathedral of Canterbury. Sandford's Geneal. Hist. p. 310, 11, 24, where the Tomb is engraved.

Henry V, and was much employed by that King, who made him a Knight of the Garter, in the Wars of France; where he was taken Prisoner, when the Duke of Clarence lost his Life, in an Engagement with the French and Scots near Beaufort. After a long Confinement, he at length obtained his Release, and in the 15th of Henry VI, he, accompanied by divers Nobles had a Commission to lay Siege to Harfleur, which after a stout Resistance yielded to him. In reward of which, and many other Services in these Wars, he was created Duke of Somerset and Earl of Kendale (21 Henry VI) and had some considerable Appointments in the Government of France: but dying the Year following, had a very short Enjoyment of these Honours.

The second is MARGARET his Wife¹, the Relict of Sir Oliver St. John, Knt. and Daughter of Sir John Beauchamp, of Bletso, Knt. (afterwards Lord Beauchamp, of Powick, and Lord Treasurer of England,) as well as Sister and Heiress, to John Beauchamp, by whom he had one Daughter and Heiress MARGARET; who married first to Edmund de Hadham, Earl of Richmond, the Son of Owen Tudor, by Catherine, the Widow of Henry V, by whom she became Mother to
Henry

¹ She survived him, and married Lionel Lord Wells, by whom she had issue, John Viscount Wells, who married Cecilia second Daughter of Edward IV. ib. p. 327.

Henry VII¹. After the Death of the Earl of Richmond^m, she married Sir Henry Stafford, a younger Son of Humphrey Duke of Buckingham, and after his Death, Thomas Lord Stanley, who was created Earl of Derby, and highly careſſed by her Son, whom he had ſerved in the Battle of Boſworth. The Time of the Death of the Dutcheſs of Somerſet is not mentioned, ſhe is interred, however, with her ſecond Huſband in Winburn Miſter, where a Monument of elegant Workmanſhip, with beautiful Figures of Alabaſter, holding hand in hand, was erected to their Memory, by their Daughter the Counteſs of Richmondⁿ, (who founded there a Grammar School, and a Chantry to pray for their Souls, according to the Cuſtom of thoſe Times. She likewiſe ordered them to be prayed for amongſt the reſt of her Royal and noble Relations, next to her Huſband the Earl of Richmond, in her collegiate Foundations at Cambridge. It is however ſomewhat ſingular, that no Notice is there taken of her third Huſband the Earl of Derby, who had provided

¹ On St. Anne's Day, 26 Jul. ſhe being not yet fourteen Years of Age.

^m He was buried in the Chancel of the Church of St. David's, with this Inſcription upon his Monument. — Under this Marble Stone here incloſed, reſt the Bones of that noble Lord Edmund Earl of Richmond, Father and Brother to Kings; who departed out of this World, in the Year 1456, the firſt Day of November. On whoſe Soule Almighty Jeſu have Mercy. Willis's Survey, p. 10, 11, 70.

ⁿ This is delineated in Sandford, p. 321, but ſaid to be very ill done.

vided a Tomb for himself and both his Wives, in the Priory of Burfcough, where they were ordered to be prayed for ; nor of her other Husband, Sir Henry Stafford.

She was born at Bletfoe, in Bedfordshire, where some of her curious Needlework remained in the Time of her great Grandfon James I, which was constantly called for by him, when paffing through in his Progreff°. She was univerfally efteemed for her Piety, Devotion and good Works, amongft which are her two Colleges at Cambridge, St. John's and Chrift, her Profeffors and Preachers there, with thofe at Oxford, and various other Monuments of her Charity and Munificence, elfwhere. She had I prefume been a Benefactrefs to the Church of Durham^p, where fhe was admitted to a Share of their Prayers whilft living, as well as entitled to the Benefit of them after her Deceafe, as will appear by the following curious Inftrument for that Purpofe. She died III Kalends. Jul. 1509, and an elegant Monument was erected to her Memory in Weftminfter Abbey^q, to which fhe had been a confiderable Benefactrefs, and near which fhe

° Thoresby Vicar. Leodenfis. p. 175.

^p Befides here and at Winburne, fhe was admitted into the Fraternity of other Religious Houfes, viz. Weftminfter, the Charter Houfe at London, Thorney, Depyng and Crowland.

^q Engraved in Sandford, p. 330, and likewise prefixed to her Funeral Sermon by Bp. Fisher, with the Infcription upon it drawn up by Erasmus, for which he received 20s.

ſhe founded an Alms-Houſe for poor Women.

Literæ Sororitatis, conceſſæ Margaretæ Henrici VII, Regis Angliæ Matri.

Omni Nobilitate et Gratiâ Præditiſſimæ Dominæ Dnæ. Margaretæ, Dei Gratia, Noſtri Regis Sereniſſimi Henrici Septimi Matri prædigniſſimæ, Sui Humiles, et Speciales Oratores devoti, Thomas permiſſione Divina, Prior Eccleſiæ Cathedralis Dunelm, et Ejusdem Loci Conventualis Cætus omnino dant Reverentiales Honores, et per Orationum Suffragia Gaudia conſequi feliciter æterna. Gratiociſſimæ, Affectuociſſimæque Veſtræ Devotionis integritas præexcellſa erga Glo- rioſum Confeſſorem S. Cuthbertum, Noſtrum Patronum ejusdemque Dunelmenſe Monafterium hætenus per Longa temporum Curricula Evidentiſſime præexperta; nec ut pie credimus, huc uſque intercifa, ſed potius Studiis continuata benevolis per Votiva et Felicia Meritorum incrementa, nos merito excitat, et inducit, ut juxta Piſſimum veſtræ Devotionis affectum, Gratiſſimam quam poſſumus Spiritualis Viciffitudinis recompensationem rependere Studeamus. Quocirca veſtram Inſigniſſimam et Honorabiliſſimam, ſi placeat, Perſonam, in Spiritualem Sororem Noſtri Dunelmenſis Capituli admittimus per Præſentes; ac quantum in Nobis eſt, et Divinis credimus convenire Beneplacitis, omnium Miſſarum, Je-
juniorum,

juniorum, Orationum, Prædicationum, et Divinorum Officiorum, cæterorumque Pietatis operum, quæ per Nos et Successores Nostros tam in præfecto Monasterio nostro, quam in cunctis Cellis ad idem Spectantibus impræsentiarum, similiter aut in futurum fient; realem et integram concedimus Participationem in perpetuum. Et ex superabundante, et singulari Caritatis Affectu, quem ad Vos non immerito nunc gerimus, promittimus et pollicemur, quod cum ab hoc Solo, nequam per inevitabilis Mortis debitum, Divina Vos vocaverit Providentia, et hoc certitudinaliter Nobis fuerit intimatum, pro vobis in Quotidianâ Capitulari Missâ ad Maximum Altare celebrandâ, Vestram Specialem, et Nominatam Memoriam faciemus, ac pro Vobis, sicut pro Nostri Ordinis Fratribus Defunctis, Confecta Orationum Suffragia Perpetuis Temporibus persolvemus. In Cujus Rei Testimonium Sigillum Nostrium Commune Præsentibus est Appensum. Datæ in Domo Nostrâ Capitulari. —
Die Mensis — Anno 1502.

Fundatrici Vota, T.B.

Accipe Fundatrix grati pia vota Nepotis,
Æqua tuis meritis fors inimica negat.
O si! quas cupio, vires mihi Fata dederunt,
Clarior Elogiis Fœmina nulla foret.
At tua Progenies vivet, nascentur Alumni,
Hi tibi plaudentes, Carmina digna ferent.

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^h He had been Fellow of *Clare Hall* and was *Lucasian* Professor of
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^g Published in a 4to Vol. intituled, Quatuor Sermones finit. Westminster, anno 1496. fol. 47. ad finem. with the following Title, Modus fulminandi Sententiam. See App. The Sunday's Bedes follow in English.

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ⁿ Printed in Desid. Curiosa, Lib. VIII. p. 13. The late Dr. Sal-
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^y This is printed with that of Sir Dudley North in 4to. 1744,
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former.

^z Many of these Notes are inserted in the above Lives, which were
all wrote by him, so probably not printed separately.

^a Mr. Baker observes this Examen contains several remarkable
Particulars, but many of them the same as the Lives, and most of
the Mistakes or Omissions censured, are such as may be objected to
any Historian, and all of them delivered with too much warmth.
For which Reason, says he, I did not transcribe these Vols. and the
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^h This is a juvenile Performance, but every Thing concerning so great and good a Man, is worth preserving. It is remarkable for the Time it was spoken at Christ Church. 1655, the second Year after his Death; and for being the Memorial of a Bishop after Episcopacy was abolished. It was inscribed to the E. of Radnor, and printed in 1658, and in MS. to Dr. John Moore in 1684. It is very scarce.

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